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Staff Sgt. Robert Ramirez, a medic with the Hawaii-based 68th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), trains in the Afghanistan desert last week as U.S. forces there launched Operation Lightning Resolve, a new campaign to protect elections scheduled for October.

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Airman Garrett Martin demonstrates a pair of Sandia gauntlet atop a Humvee at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. The Kevlar-reinforced sleeves can help save the arms and lives of military personnel riding atop military vehicles during combat operations.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

Business

Boeing lawsuit: Boeing Co. agreed Friday to pay up to \$72.5 million to settle a sex-discrimination lawsuit filed on behalf of 29,000 female employees at its Seattle-area facilities, where it primarily builds commercial aircraft.

U.S. District Judge Marsha Peckham in Seattle approved the deal, four years after the class-action suit was filed. It charged the Chicago aerospace giant with giving women workers less pay and fewer promotions than their male counterparts.

World

Bahrain terror suspects: Six terror suspects being investigated in Bahrain for allegedly planning to bomb government and foreign interests have begun a hunger strike to protest their detention, a defense attorney said Saturday.

Abdulla Hashim, an attorney for four of the six men, said he hoped they would end the strike, which they began Friday.

Punished for bloodshed: East Timor's final Indonesian-appointed governor on Saturday began serving a three-year prison term for his role in the 1999 violence there, becoming the first person to be punished in Indonesia over the bloodshed.

Abilio Jose Soares has denied any wrongdoing. He maintained Saturday that Indonesian police and military officials were responsible for the carnage, which accompanied East Timor's 1999 break from Indonesian rule.

Pakistani rocket attack: Suspected al-Qaida fugitives fired rockets on Pakistani troops in a remote northwestern tribal region near Afghanistan, triggering a shootout that killed three villagers and wounded four others, officials said Saturday.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the attackers suffered any casualties in the fighting late Friday in Khaisor, a village about 15 miles northeast of Wana, the main town in South Waziristan, said Brig. Mahmood Shah, head of the security for tribal regions.

Opium crackdown: New anti-drug police hunted opium poppy growers in central Afghanistan but came too late to tackle much of this year's bumper crop, officials said Saturday.

Afghanistan's Poppy Eradication Force destroyed some 2,350 acres of the crop in Wardak and Bamiyan provinces, where cultivation has been expanding.

Afghan farmers grew about 197,680 acres of poppy last year, making the country the world's largest producer of opium, the raw



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Scoop on scuba: Petty Officer 1st Class Joel Blea and the kids of Sasebo Naval Base's Camp Yuiyo applaud members of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, Detachment S1 for showing them a live scuba diving exercise. Camp Yuiyo — Japanese for friendship — is a camp for military dependent children, run by Sasebo's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department.

material for heroin.

States

Capitol shooter: A federal judge is allowing another six months of forced medication for the man accused of killing two Washington Capitol police officers in 1998.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan granted the government's request Thursday after concluding that Russell Eugene Weston Jr.'s delusional condition was improving. He said there was a "substantial probability" the medication would give Weston the mental capacity to stand trial.

Parental consent law: A federal appeals court on Friday threw out an Idaho law requiring girls under age 18 to get parental consent for abortions, ruling that its provisions on emergency abortions were too strict.

Writing for the court, Judge Marsha Berzon said there was no reasonable explanation for limiting emergency abortions without consent to "sudden and unexpected" instances of physical complications.

New Jersey floods: President Bush declared a federal disaster zone Friday in parts of Southern New Jersey where flood-

ing washed out bridges, breached dams and ruined homes.

The declaration makes businesses and homeowners in Burlington County, in the middle of the state, and adjacent Camden County, near Philadelphia, eligible for government grants and low-interest loans.

Terrorism database: The format of a crime and terrorism database known as Matrix is being changed to ally privacy and legal concerns that led several states to drop out of the federally funded project.

As it stands now, the Multistate Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange combines state vehicle and crime records with commercial databases owned by a private company, Selsint Inc., giving investigators quick access to billions of pieces of information on potential suspects.

Suspected terrorist: Five weeks after his acquittal on terrorism support charges, and more than two weeks after his deportation was supposedly set, a Saudi graduate student remains in county jail.

Lori Haley, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Southern California, said the government has run into some delays in arranging the deportation to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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Preston: More stable tours an Army goal

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — For his first visit to see troops in Japan, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston spoke about changes to the Army and answered questions during a stop Friday on his trip through Asia.

The Army's top enlisted soldier passed around the new Army Combat Uniform for soldiers to see and told them that as participants in current operations around the world, they are playing as much a role as did the World War II veterans before them.

"All of you in here right now play a key role in the war on terror," he told the group of about 100 soldiers. "Today, you are the next 'greatest generation.'"

Preston spoke about the Army's evolving plans, including longer periods at each duty station. Ideally, he said, troops could serve two back-to-back three-year tours in one location.

During each 36-month block, they could expect to deploy once or twice for six to nine months.

"I would like to get away from 12-month deployments," he said.

After the first tour, young soldiers would take leadership roles in the same area, helping them remain in one place longer.

"That's how you get six or seven years in one location," he said. "If you like Fort Hood, why not stay there?"

The change will help the Army fulfill the goals of transformation: to make a more predictable and stable place for soldiers and their families. Longer periods will help spouses build careers and allow children to remain in one school longer, he said.

Preston also warned soldiers that some overpopulated job specialties, especially those most relevant during the Cold War, will be cut in favor of jobs that are in higher demand now, such as military police, psychological operations and special operations. That would reduce pressure on soldiers currently in those jobs.



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Above: Staff Sgt. Ryan Moreno, with microphone, right, of the 78th Signal Battalion recites the Soldier's Creed with the Sgt. Major of the Army Kenneth Preston, left, during the Army's top enlisted soldier's visit Friday to Camp Zama, Japan. Right: Preston tells soldiers what could be in store for them as the Army undergoes transformation.

The goal of both changes is rebalancing the force. "It's really to help take the pressure off" soldiers who are over-deployed, he said.

One soldier asked Preston how longer tours would affect the one-year hardship tour in South Korea.

Preston said the Army is looking into ways to factor in those tours, possibly using forces from Hawaii or Alaska to balance them. He said incentive pay has encouraged soldiers to stay for an extra year, which also saves the Army moving costs.

"It costs a lot more to PCS a soldier" from South Korea back to the United States, he said.

Of 300,000 permanent-change-of-station moves each year, he added, two-thirds can't be avoided, due to retirements and other moves. Of the remaining 100,000 that could potentially be avoided, 40 percent are tied to South Korea.

Longer tours also would give soldiers there more stability, he said. Soldiers who agreed to an extra year for the incentive bonus have helped the Army save \$15,000 in moves.

In response to a soldier's question about fitness and weight requirements, Preston — a master fitness trainer — said he advocates more fitness and nutrition training for noncommissioned officers to help soldiers stay healthy, not just lean.



"I think we need to put more of that in our training," he said. "A lot of soldiers — young soldiers — don't eat properly."

Preston finished off by having soldiers recite the new Soldier's Creed, which praises a warrior ethos. He said the Army expects its soldiers to all be capable riflemen with infantry skills, so every soldier can secure convoys or do similar tasks.

"It's a change in mentality," he said. "Every soldier is a rifleman first."

Preston also is visiting troops on Okinawa, the Philippines and Hawaii. He plans to visit troops in South Korea later in the year, according to his staff.

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Tech. Sgt. Alex Sernarajas, left, stands with his son Adrian, 3, to get an autograph Friday from World Wrestling Entertainment champion John Bradshaw Layfield in the Power Zone at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

WWE stars rumble into Yokota

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Three stars from World Wrestling Entertainment's Smackdown! barreled their way into Yokota's base exchange Saturday afternoon for a shortened visit with servicemembers and their families.

Some fans stood in line for nearly three hours to greet WWE champion John Bradshaw Layfield, Jamie Noble, Dawn Marie and referee Earl Hebner. The group signed autographs, posed for photos and shook hands.

The WWE held a pair of shows at Tokyo's Nippon Budokan on Friday and Saturday. The Smackdown! stars last visited Japan a year ago with sold-out events at the Yokohama Arena and Kobe World Hall.

"We knew the Air Force base was close and asked if we could come out and say hi to the guys," said Layfield.

But reaching Yokota turned out to be tougher than advertised. The wrestlers wanted to drive

"These guys are heroes. They do a helluva job helping to keep us free. This is our way of supporting them and saying thanks."

John Bradshaw Layfield
WWE champion

from Tokyo, Layfield said, but heavy traffic forced them onto the train. The entire trip took more than three hours.

"It was like 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles,'" Layfield quipped. "But this is awesome. The WWE has always been very supportive of the troops, and we always try to stop off at as many bases as we can."

Senior Airman Martin Capasse of 374th Maintenance Squadron

said he's been an avid WWE fan since the inaugural Wrestlemania in 1985. He and his wife, Brenda, heard about Saturday's visit and decided to stop by.

"I've watched this religiously for years now. I've wanted to be a wrestler for a few years, but I'm fit to sit," Capasse said, adding that he once explored the possibility of entering the profession before a car accident ended those hopes.

"It's a taste of home to see these guys come out here. That's watching my life and dream say 'hi' to me."

Layfield said he's been to the Middle East three times in the last 18 months. Smackdown! staged a card for U.S. troops in Baghdad last Christmas that was broadcast on the American Forces Network.

"The troops always try to tell us thanks," he said. "They treat us like Mel Gibson, but we think of them as Mel Gibson."

"These guys are heroes. They do a helluva job helping to keep us free. This is our way of supporting them and saying thanks."

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U.S. military shifts focus in Afghanistan

Hunt for militants takes back seat to security as country readies for vote

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — U.S. commanders in Afghanistan are shifting forces and resources away from the hunt for Osama bin Laden to help support Afghanistan's upcoming national elections.

"We're going from the specific objective of searching out and killing the enemy to going out and protecting the election process," said Maj. Robert Ault, a senior operations planner for Combined Joint Task Force 76, the main warfighting headquarters in Afghanistan. "This is a huge shift for us," he said.

Called "Operation Lightning Resolve," the new focus of effort is designed to shore up the United Nations' push to register voters for the country's first post-Taliban elections since U.S. forces toppled the regime in late 2001.

The deteriorating security situation has repeatedly delayed those polls. In fact, only 6 million of an estimated 10 million eligible voters have been able to register so far.

Presidential elections were initially scheduled for June, then September. They are now set for Oct. 9 and will be followed by parliamentary elections in the spring.

Recalled to power, Taliban leaders have vowed to prevent those elections. Death threats against anyone participating in the elections have been circulating widely among villages. Already, dozens of Afghans have been killed or wounded in attacks against voter registration and security efforts in recent weeks.

Among the latest attacks, militants on Tuesday gunned down a police chief in a village near Kandahar, also torching a government building there, according to reports.

The Army hospital at Bagram air base this week was rehearsing mass casualty treatment scenarios amid concerns of a repeat of an attack that left more than a dozen Afghan women dead or wounded in Jalalabad on June 26. The women were assisting in voter registration efforts in the area when an explosive device ripped their minibus apart.

But now, rather than conduct specific operations to hunt for militants, U.S. troops will largely be tasked with providing overall security in troubled areas. Part of that effort, said Ault, will be shoring up the fledgling Afghan National Army and local police forces.

New tactics

Lightning Resolve comes on the heels of Operation Mountain Storm, the U.S. coalition's spring offensive. The focal point of Mountain Storm was inserting the 2,000-strong 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit into Tarin Kot, a remote Taliban stronghold north of Kandahar.

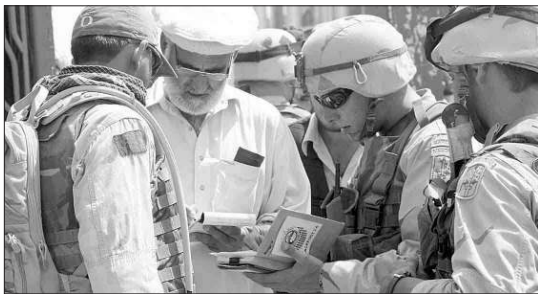
Like poking a stick into the hornet's nest, the operation resulted in several pitched battles with scores of Taliban killed.

"They stood and fought, but sustained losses probably in the hundreds," said Ault. "They learned every time they engage us, they lose."

As a result, he said, "we're seeing the enemy transition into smaller formations" and pick its fights more carefully.

In response, commanders are trying to lure out guerrilla fighters by sending out smaller forces into the badlands.

"Otherwise the enemy just won't engage us," said Lt. Col. Frank Tate, chief operations officer for



JEFF TROTCH/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

During a visit Wednesday to a voter registration site in downtown Khosht, Afghanistan, 2nd Lt. John Campbell, center, talks with Mujahideen about how the site is going. In a week and a half, more than 15,000 people have registered there. U.S. forces in Afghanistan last week launched Operation Lightning Resolve, a new campaign to protect the upcoming elections.

the Army and Marine Corps aviation task force in Afghanistan. "We want them to try and bite us, so then we can chop their heads off."

To do that, commanders have been dispersing their units across wider areas.

U.S. forces have been moving from battalion-sized units operating from local fire bases and concentrating on a specific area or village, said Ault. Now, battalion commanders are responsible for entire regions in what has been dubbed, "area ownership operations," he said.

Those commanders have also been given some \$40 million dollars to finance local projects.

"They have more leverage now than just their firepower. They have cash," said Ault.

As U.S. forces transition into Lightning Resolve, commanders hope to be able to use more carrot than stick.

"We're being very selective in how we're doing operations now. We're trying to move among the people, not through them," said Ault.

Now, the Marines are being replaced with civil affairs teams and other units that are giving the local population a "better alternative than the Taliban." The local governor, installed by Afghanistan's interim government in Kabul, had been largely under siege in his own compound there.

"He was governor in name only," said Ault. "Now, he's out meeting with the village elders and articulating his priorities."

Help on the way

Lightning Resolve also comes as the NATO-led peacekeeping force is preparing to expand its security mission in Iraq. The 6,500-strong International Security Assistance

Force, or ISAF, has been slowly expanding from Kabul to provinces in the north.

On July 1, it took over provincial reconstruction efforts and five additional provinces.

Gradually, ISAF will assume responsibility for larger swaths of the Afghanistan map, said Ault, eventually "expanding counter-clockwise to the south."

Meanwhile, the alliance announced Friday it was preparing to deploy two rapid reaction units — about 2,000 troops — into Afghanistan in preparation for the elections. The Washington Post reported.

"For the election, we'll bring in extra forces to have a quick-reaction force — so when things go wrong, you can move forces quickly in theater," NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer was quoted as saying.

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U.S. troops in Iraq get medieval with Kevlar gauntlets

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Sandia National Laboratories researchers are designing gauntlets to save the arms of soldiers riding atop Humvees and other military vehicles during combat — and they've gotten help with field tests by troops in Iraq.

Sandia's shoulder-length gauntlets are made of layers of heavy Kevlar, a reinforced material used in bulletproof vests and tires, with carbon-composite forearm and upper arm protective inserts.

The gauntlets weigh four pounds apiece, or eight pounds for a pair. They would be carried in a servicemember's rucksack or in the vehicle.

Sandia researcher Jim Purvis came up with the idea last October after reading about a refined prototype in November. The team sent several sets of gauntlets to

the 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; the 515th Corps Support Battalion, 720th Transportation Company; and the Air Force's 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The gauntlets then were shipped to soldiers in Iraq for recommendations.

Sandia came up with a one-size-fits-all design with blunt trauma protection for the hand, wrist and elbow and heat and blast protection. Soldiers recommended straps to hold the gauntlets in place and modifications to the forearm armor to increase flexibility and maneuverability.

They suggested a quick-release buckle, adding a neoprene sleeve inside the forearm for a more secure fit and placing a thumbhole in the forearm to enable the gauntlet moves with the lower arm.

Soldiers also preferred cutting the amputee help from the knuckles to the wrist, said Jack Jones, project lead researcher and Sandia physical security spe-

cialist.

Jones said the heat protection characteristics of the Kevlar layers mitigate the thermal effects of warhead blasts on tissue, while the combination of carbon-com-

posite and Kevlar diminish blunt trauma effects and penetration or shredding effects of shrapnel.

Jones said Army doctors have reported a large increase in soldiers losing their arms above the

elbow.

Sandia's next step is to find a company to produce the gauntlets for the military, Jones said.

Stripes editor Pat Dickson contributed to this report from Washington.

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Philippines' pull-out from Iraq cheered, slammed

BY HRVOJE HRANISKI

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — People light candles and hold prayer vigils Friday for the safe return of a Filipino truck driver in Iraq, but the government's decision to withdraw its peacekeeping contingent to obtain his release drew criticism abroad.

The decision has alienated President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's allies in the war on terror, including the United States, who worry that meeting a terrorist demand sets a bad precedent.

But with 7 million Filipinos working overseas, including 1.4 million in the Middle East, saving the life of Angelo dela Cruz has become an emotionally charged issue that Arroyo couldn't ignore.

The Philippines had planned to pull its troops out by Aug. 20 but said Wednesday it would withdraw them early because of the kidnapping.

"The humiliation should be

seen as a necessary end to a misadventure that started when the Philippines, understandably out of concern over the stalking menace of terrorism at home and abroad, put its weight behind the United States in the invasion of Iraq," the Philippine Daily Inquirer said Friday in an editorial.

"The more than 4,000 Filipino workers in Iraq shouldn't be there in the first place," added Connie Regalado, head of Migrant, a lobbying group for overseas workers. "Most of them are in U.S. military installations, where they're the first target of Iraq rebels."

The militant group holding Dela Cruz says it will release him if the last of the 51-strong Philippine contingent leaves Iraq by the end of July. There has been no move to withdraw the thousands of Filipino civilians working on contracts there.

The United States, Australia and Iraq's interim government criticized the withdrawal decision.

"I don't want to be harsh on a friend, but it is a mistake and it won't buy them immunity," Australian Prime Minister John Howard said Friday. "It's a wretched state of affairs, but if you give in, it won't stop it happening again. You invite people to do it with increasing severity because they will know they succeeded."

"If you give in, the game's over and they will increase the intensity of their attacks," he said.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Thursday the decision "sends the wrong signal to terrorists."

"You cannot negotiate with terrorists or make a separate peace with terrorists," he said. He indicated it would not affect Manila's relationship with Washington.

In Manila, politicians across the board rejected the criticism.

Rep. Rolando Andaya said the U.S. administration "must understand the country's predicament and respect its decision."

Leno's jokes fall flat in Manila

BY OLIVER TEVES

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The president's spokesman wasn't laughing at U.S. talk show host Jay Leno's quip that Philippine peacekeepers established a world speed record in their withdrawal from Iraq.

"Our courage has been demonstrated in [the World War II battle-ground] Bataan and Corregidor and every other field where we have fought," Ignacio Bunye told RAN radio on Saturday. "All we can say is that what is first and foremost is the national interest of the Philippines."

The Philippines has been criticized by its allies, including the United States, for withdrawing its peacekeeping contingent in Iraq earlier than planned after insurgents threatened to behead a Filipino truck driver they captured near Fallujah.

The government announced the contingent was down from 51 to 43 Wednesday, and on Friday ordered the recall of 11 more.

"A new world record has been set in the 100 meter dash," Leno said on his television show Wednesday, later shown on local cable. "It was set by Filipino troops fleeing Iraq."

The previous night, Leno poked fun at the size of the contingent, saying rap artist Sean "P. Diddy" Combs had more men in the ATL than the Philippines had the smallest contingent in the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

U.S. military trash proves a treasure trove for Iraqis

BY TOD ROBERSON

The Dallas Morning News

BAGHDAD — Few Iraqis have as much enthusiasm for the presence of U.S. troops in their country than Fadhil Khalaf. Without ever having met them, he credits the troops with providing him housing material, contributing to his income and putting food on

the table.

Iraqis can complain all they want about them, but Khalaf said he wants them to stick around for as long as possible.

"The Americans have the best garbage. We're very happy with it," he said at the end of a long, hot day scavenging through refuse at western Baghdad's Tafej dump, known to Khalaf and

scores of Iraqi families as home.

Baghdad's dump dwellers are kings of their own mountain.

"We don't know much, but we know a lot about garbage," said Muhammad Saad, 17, who has spent his entire life living in the dump. Saad said he and virtually all other residents of the dump are illiterate, having spent years living atop Baghdad's homes

are made of it. Their clothes are drawn from it.

Times have never been better than in the past 15 months of the U.S.-led military occupation of Iraq, residents said as they combed through recently arrived waste from Camp Victory.

Ordinary Iraqi garbage is largely a hodgepodge of smelly metal rinses, toilet paper and rancid

household refuse.

But the garbage dumped at Tafej from nearby U.S. military bases is a treasure trove — a sort of unintended time capsule of the 2003 war and its aftermath. There are books, shredded and unshredded documents, computer parts, leftover food rations and discarded liquor bottles.

Recently discarded FedEx boxes offer the names and base locations of U.S. military personnel. A two-page questionnaire, Form 2796, offers a glimpse at the concerns that Defense Department authorities have about the mental health of American troops facing the constant threat of attack.

A headline from a found Stars and Stripes newspaper helps explain why the questionnaire is necessary: "String of attacks kill at least 89 in Iraq."

What interests Iraq residents most are the food, boots, traps, construction supplies, wooden pallets, Jerry cans and other items that military personnel discard in the mistaken impression that they are no longer useful.

The first question Khalaf's family asks dump-truck drivers when they arrive at Tafej is whether they're carrying anything from a U.S. installation. If the answer is yes, families dig in like children opening gifts on Christmas.

"Sometimes you find cakes and cookies and chocolate. I tasted chocolate for the first time in my life right over there," said Khalaf, 24, as he pointed to a mound of well-sifted American garbage.

But for a man accustomed to living in filth, Khalaf's tough constitution met its match with a discarded American Meal, Ready to Eat, or MREs.

"I got diarrhea for the first time in my life," he said. "I think it ate too much."



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Teachers accused of abandoning students

BY S. SRINIVASAN
The Associated Press

KUMBakonam, India — Government officials accused teachers of abandoning students to a fire that turned a crowded, ill-equipped elementary school in southern India into a deathtrap for at least 90 children.

None of the 23 teachers died in the Friday blaze at the private Lord Krishna School, which was packed with about 800 students aged 6-13. Some were in rooms shared by up to six classes at a time.

The fire broke out about 11 a.m. in the kitchen and jumped across the thatched roofs of the three-story school in Kumbakonam, about 200 miles southwest of the southern city of Madras.

Residents started dousing the flames and trying to rescue children. Those efforts were apparently hampered by the school's narrow, steep stairs and few exits. The crowd of volunteer rescuers ended up blocking the main door as they tried to help.

The fire brought down a roof of bamboo logs and coconut leaves onto the children trapped inside. A reporter for New Delhi Television News described marks on the walls that she said showed the children tried to tear through the bricks and concrete in their desperation.

By Friday evening, 45 of the dead had been cremated as is the custom in much of India. Officials lowered the number of injured — earlier put at more than 100 — to

22. Eleven of the injured were hospitalized, one in critical condition.

Doctors applied ointment to scalded bodies. Nurses placed large banana leaves — believed to be soothing — on the children's wounds.

Parents, many crying, waved bamboo and plastic fans despite the air conditioning to cool irritated skin. Hundreds more adults waited outside.

Afterward, hundreds of small wooden stools lay toppled on the blackened floor, strewn with rubber slippers, shoes, schoolbags, notebooks, lunch boxes and clothes.

Six blackboards bore traces of the lessons the children were learning. "Fill in the blanks," was written in chalk on one

blackboard, asking the students to complete the spellings of words in the local Tamil language.

Police locked the school building as they began investigating the cause of the fire.

The tragedy exposed the downside of India's "economic reforms" program, which saw a proliferation of ill-equipped private schools as the government cut spending on education to curtail its budget deficit. Most private schools are in crowded buildings that often lack basic safety measures such as fire alarms and sprinkler systems.

The principal was arrested, along with his wife and daughter, who helped run the school. Four education department officials were suspended.

Two kitchen workers who were preparing lunch also were arrested.



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Baker: U.S. will likely delay move to detain Jenkins

BY KENJI HALL
The Associated Press

TOKYO — The U.S. ambassador suggested Saturday that Washington will allow accused American deserter Charles Jenkins to receive medical treatment in Japan before it seeks to detain him on charges he abandoned his post 40 years ago.

Ambassador Howard Baker said the Japanese foreign minister had asked him to let the 64-year-old North Carolina native get help for an apparent abdominal condition. Jenkins was expected to fly to Japan on Sunday from Indonesia, where he has been meeting his Japanese wife and two children.

Jenkins told Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri in a meeting Saturday that he was aware of U.S. threats to detain him, but he would travel to Japan for his family's sake.

"Jenkins said he was aware

that he is wanted by the American government on desertion charges, but that he would go to Japan for the sake of his family's unity," Foreign Minister Hassan Wirayuda told reporters after the meeting.

Soga and the couple's children also attended the meeting with Megawati at her private residence. Jenkins — who has not been seen in public since his arrival in Jakarta — walked with a cane and appeared frail.

The ambassador's remarks, made after he met with Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi earlier Saturday, were the first sign of a tentative accord between Washington and Tokyo over Jenkins' fate.

Jenkins is scheduled to be whisked to a Tokyo women's university hospital as soon as he arrives from Indonesia on Sunday evening with Soga and their daughters, a Cabinet Office spokesman said Saturday on condition of anonymity.

Palestinian prime minister resigns

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia submitted his resignation Saturday to Yasser Arafat, plunging the Palestinian government into crisis, but Arafat rejected it, a top official said.

The resignation came as Qureia and Arafat discussed a shake-up of security forces during a rapidly deteriorating security situation in the Gaza Strip. Six people, including the national police chief and four French charity workers, were briefly kidnapped in Gaza a day earlier.

North Korea denies crossing sea border

SEOUL — North Korea's navy on Saturday denied intruding into South Korean waters, accusing the South of spreading lies and "playing with fire."

The North's navy command issued a communique accusing South Korea of falsifying its account of a naval confrontation on the tense western sea border on Wednesday.

South Korea has retracted its claim that the North's side ignored the warning broadcasts. But it did not reveal further details, pending an investigation.

From The Associated Press



Food victim Monowara Khatun carries her child Wednesday as she wades through flood water in the northeastern Indian state of Assam, where floods have killed at least 56 people. Some relief came Saturday as the rain stopped and water levels began to recede.

13 more killed as fresh rain falls on Asia

The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Monsoon rains submerged new areas of Bangladesh and India, killing at least 13 people, officials and news reports said Saturday, as the death toll from flooding in South Asia rose to more than 400.

In Bangladesh, heavy rain sent flood waters surging into 12 central districts on Friday and Saturday, reports said Saturday.

Three people drowned Saturday when a boat capsized in swirling flood waters in Brahmanbaria district, 50 miles east of Dhaka, the United News of Bangladesh news agency said.

Five people, including a child, drowned Friday in Manikganj and Pabna districts, while two others were electrocuted in Tangail district, newspapers reported, citing relatives and witnesses.

District officials were unavailable for comment and the recent fatalities could not be officially confirmed.

The flooding in the 17 worst-hit districts was unlikely to ease in the coming days with major rivers still rising after fresh rains, the state-run Central Power Commission said in a statement.

But in the northeastern Assam state, where floods have killed at least 56 people, some relief came as the rain stopped and water levels began to recede.

'Fahrenheit 9/11' coming to S. Korea

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO
Stars and Stripes

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — Base theaters might not have plans to show "Fahrenheit 9/11," Michael Moore's controversial documentary, but soldiers and civilians will get their chance to see the film when it debuts in South Korean theaters this week.

Monday, legislators from the Democratic Liberal Party will host two free screenings at the National Assembly in Seoul, as part of their opposition to the planned dispatch of some 3,000 additional South Korean troops to Iraq.

The film opens at regular theaters throughout South Korea on July 23.

According to DLP members, the free screenings — scheduled for 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. — are meant to build on anti-dispatch momentum that rose after a South Korean civilian was taken hostage and beheaded in Iraq last month.

"By showing the movie that proves the absurdity of Iraq war provoked by Washington, we want to accelerate the anti-dispatch movement in the country

through cultural means," said Kim Sung-hee, a DLP spokesman.

While screenings are open to the public, U.S. military officials routinely warn U.S. Forces Korea personnel to stay away from overtly political events in South Korea.

"Fahrenheit 9/11" has shattered box office records for a nonfiction film in the United States. According to Exhibitor Relations, a box-office tracking firm, the film had brought in nearly \$85 million as of Wednesday.

The previous record, set by Moore's last film, "Bowling for Columbine," was around \$20 million.

Officials at AAFES, which run theaters at most Pacific bases, have said they are pursuing prints of the film. But, "Fahrenheit

9/11" is not on any base theater schedule through the end of July.

AAFES is seeking prints from Lion's Gate Films, one of the movie's distributors, said Judd Anstey, an AAFES spokesman in Dallas. Officials have said that — controversy aside — whether or not a film is shown on base depends entirely on its popularity.

Earlier this year, "The Passion of the Christ," Mel Gibson's controversial film about the last hours in the life of Jesus Christ, had lengthy runs at base theaters. That film grossed more than \$200 million in the United States.

"AAFES' motion picture policy is to screen films that are popular in the private sector," AAFES Vice President of Food and Theater Richard Sheff said via e-mail.

"AAFES' position will not change based on a single feature. If 'Fahrenheit 9/11' proves popular in the private sector and prints are available, the movie will be shown."

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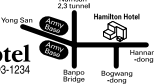
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IN THE STATES

FBI goes door-to-door for terror clues

Bureau questions Muslims about suspicious activities

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — FBI agents have launched a series of interviews of Muslims and Arab Americans in the Washington area and across the country, hoping to glean information that could prevent a major terrorist attack during this election year.

A few dozen voluntary interviews of community leaders, students, businesspeople and others have been conducted so far, according to attorneys and Muslim activists. Authorities said they do not know how many people will be contacted, but the effort is expected to expand significantly in the next week or so.

The new round of questioning is also far more targeted than an earlier program of voluntary interviews with men from Arab and Muslim communities, which followed the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and was criticized for being ineffective and using profiling.

"This is not a general population. They are identified by intelligence or investigative information," said an FBI official who spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with department policy. He added that the questioning did not signify that the people were under investigation themselves.

The questions being posed vary widely,

Al-Qaida may be recruiting non-Arabs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI is warning that the al-Qaida terror network may be recruiting non-Arabs less likely to attract notice as they carry out attacks in the United States and Europe.

Al-Qaida especially wants operatives who have American citizenship or legal U.S. residency status, the FBI's counterterrorism division said in its weekly bulletin to 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide.

"Finding operatives with U.S. status would greatly facilitate al-Qaida's ability to carry out an attack within the United States," the bulletin said.

The new warning comes amid a continuous stream of intelligence indicating that al-Qaida is determined to strike the United States in the summer or fall. Offi-

cials have said the terror network blamed for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks hopes to inflict mass casualties again and disrupt the political process.

The FBI bulletin does not mention a possible time, place or method of attack. Security is expected to be especially tight at this summer's political conventions, which begin July 26 with the Democratic Party's gathering in Boston.

Using non-Arabs might make it easier for al-Qaida to circumvent security measures in Europe and the United States, the bulletin said. Of special concern are people with ties to Islamic extremist groups in North Africa and parts of Asia outside the Middle East.

Still, the FBI said, almost all al-Qaida operatives in the past have traveled at least once to South Asia, particularly Afghanistan and Pakistan, for "consultation and training."

"We were told by the FBI agents that they're concerned there could be a coming threat from people who are recent converts to Islam," said Stacy Tolchin, a San Francisco lawyer who accompanied a Turkish Kurdish immigrant to an interview this week.

Law enforcement officials decided to step up efforts to contact Muslims and Arab Americans because of intelligence reports that al-Qaida is planning a

large-scale attack in coming months in the United States, Attorney General John D. Ashcroft said recently.

Law enforcement officials appear to be using different approaches in the interviews. In some cases, they have asked prominent local Muslim figures to simply pass on any helpful information, activists said.

Those being sought for interviews appear to represent a broad spectrum. Attorneys and activists said they had heard from students, high-tech professionals, Muslim leaders and others who had been contacted. Most were immigrants, but at least one African American Muslim and some U.S.-born residents were also included.

Yaser Alamoody, a student at Arizona State University, was surprised to get a visit at home recently from a campus police officer with the local Joint Terrorism Task Force. The 27-year-old student, who is a Yemeni citizen applying for U.S. residency, said that he agreed to the interview and that the officer was friendly and polite.

Alamoody said the questions included whether he knew anyone who had recently returned from Pakistan, anyone who had shown interest in a government building or agency or anyone who had shown extreme hostility toward Americans.

"The questions were just ridiculous," he said. "I said, 'You guys really think you're going to get anywhere with these kind of questions?'" Alamoody said he was puzzled about why he was selected for an interview.

"I don't go to the mosque that often," he said, "unless they have free food."

Dan Eggen contributed to this report.

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Los Alamos lab is rich in history, controversy

Nuclear facility plagued by security problems

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Steeped in history going back to the birth of the nuclear bomb, the government's Los Alamos National Laboratory has been dogged in recent years by one embarrassment after another, from credit card fraud and allegations of espionage to disappearing files and safety lapses.

The latest flap: two missing computer disks containing nuclear secrets.

All classified work at the laboratory in the hills of northern New Mexico has been ordered stopped as some of the country's smartest nuclear weapons scientists and engineers search for the missing disks.

And in an unprecedented step Friday, the lab director broadened the halt of classified work to include all lab activities.

At the Energy Department, senior officials are steaming at what they view as yet another security foul-up at the facility where 61 years ago scientists put together the world's first atomic bomb.

Investigators have been stymied on the whereabouts of the two computer disks, known to the scientists as "classified removable electronic media." Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said the disappearance reflects "a widespread disregard for security" by lab officials.

"This is absolutely unacceptable," he fumed, ordering his top deputy, Kyle McSwarrow, to the laboratory to get to the bottom of it all.

Stretched across 43 square miles, the Los Alamos weapons lab employs more than 10,700 people, two-thirds of them working for the University of California, which has managed the facility since it was created as part of the World War II Manhattan Project that launched the age of nuclear weapons.

It's been 18 months since Peter Nanos, a retired vice admiral, took over as lab director after a scandal involving lab employees using laboratory credit cards to buy personal items.

Last week, faced with the latest computer disk flap, Nanos blamed "a small number" of people who cannot follow the rules and who again have "brought disrepute to Los Alamos."

No one has said what is on the disks and it's possible they may have been destroyed without anyone bothering with the required paperwork. To increase security, the lab has begun a program to phase out the use of removable disks from all its classified computers.

But it is far from the first embarrassing incident at the lab.

The Los Alamos nuclear weapons program was at the center of a 1999 espionage



AP

Former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist Wen Ho Lee was fired for security violations.

controversy involving lab scientist Wen Ho Lee.

Though never charged with espionage, Lee was fired for security violations. He pleaded guilty to a felony count of mishandling classified information and admitted copying classified files. He said he disposed of them on site, but they were never found.

A year later, two computer hard drives containing nuclear secrets disappeared from a guarded vault at Los Alamos only to turn up behind a copy machine.

Last December, an inventory couldn't account for 10 computer disks, also used in the nuclear weapons program, prompting a brief suspension of classified work. Another disk was reported missing in May. Lab officials believe that in both cases the materials were destroyed with no records kept.

A classified floppy disk reported missing from Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., was found Friday, but officials were tight-lipped about details surrounding that incident.

Bush picks woman for academy post

The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — A woman has been nominated to replace a dean at the Air Force Academy who was criticized for failing to recognize a growing sexual assault problem at the school.

President Bush nominated Col. Dana H. Born to replace David A. Wagie, dean of faculty at the academy since 1998, the school announced Friday.

Wagie, who was cleared by the Pentagon of any wrongdoing and faces no disciplinary action, will retire Aug. 1.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Born will be promoted to brigadier general and become the first woman to oversee instruction at the academy, which has about 4,000 cadets, said Capt. Kim Melchor, an academy spokeswoman.

Born, a 1983 graduate, has been professor and head of the Department of Behavioral Sciences since 2002, overseeing a 35-person academic department. Before that, she commanded the 11th Mission Support Squadron out of Bolling Air Force Base.

A military investigation found that at least 150 sexual assaults and rapes have been reported at the institution since 1993. A Pentagon study released last year found nearly one in five female cadets said they had been sexually assaulted.

Wagie was one of the academy's last remaining top officers who were in charge when the sexual assault scandal came to light in early 2003.

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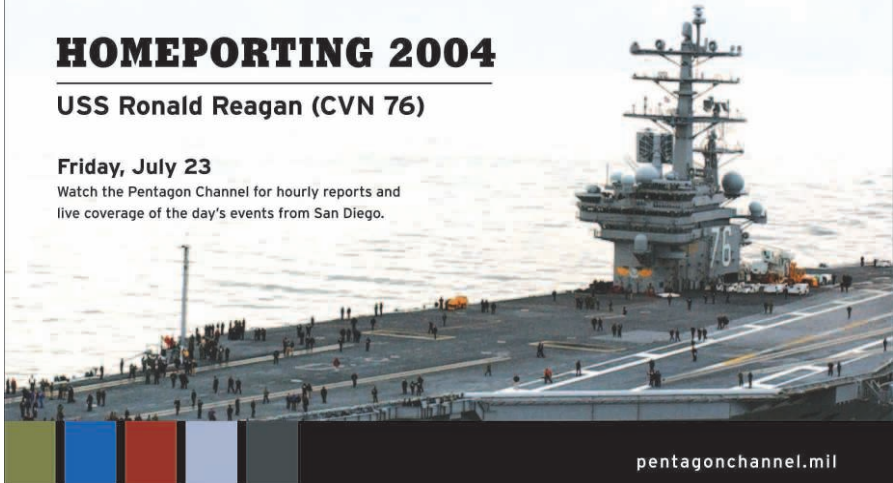
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It's a juggle out there

Festival draws 650 to show, hone craft

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Everything — from rings to balls to clubs — was up in the air as hundreds of professional and amateur jugglers from across the globe turned out for their annual gathering.

Lending a carnival atmosphere to the Buffalo Convention Center, some 650 jugglers honed their craft in dizzying displays of coordination and timing Friday, the fifth day of the weeklong International Jugglers Association Juggling Festival 2004.

There is nothing about it that is any more difficult than riding a bicycle," insisted Jerry Martin. "And it's the same thing — once you learn, you can't forget how to juggle."

Forget, no, but there is always room for improvement, said jugglers, who, between competitions, attend workshops on such things as club-passing, whip-cracking, baton-twirling and fire safety.

The association, which mails its bimonthly magazine to roughly 2,000 households worldwide, has strict rules at its annual convention. Unicycles are OK, but fire, bowling balls and sharp objects are not. The association also insists visitors sign a safety waiver. What goes up must come down, after all.

One open practice session had a man juggling seven Frisbee-sized rings before bobbing and weaving to catch them in a stack around his neck. Nearby, two women kept neon pink hula hoops in play around their waists as they swapped balls in the air, and a man balanced a howling pink-shag club upright on his forehead while juggling three others.

"Yeah, yeah. Keep practicing. It's coming," coached expert Jay Gilligan as a student struggled through a maneuver during a three-day workshop.

With pattern and the height of the throw, rhythm and timing, juggling is often a sport for the math-minded, group members said. They pointed to a good number of computer programmers, statisticians and mathematicians in their ranks.



Nate Martin, right, and Kelvin Ying, both 11, juggle a dozen balls at the International Juggling Association convention held in Buffalo, N.Y., on Friday.

"There are nerds who enjoy the technical side and arty types who enjoy the expressive side," said Harrisburg, Pa., college student John Chase. The math major practiced with a diabolo, a yo-yo-like contraption spun on a string connected by two handles.

"It's a beautiful meeting of the two," he said. Sue Durante, a baton-twirler while growing up, got bit by the juggling bug after watching a juggler open for magician Doug Henning. Now, nothing is off-limits at home — oranges, apples, eggs, hats.

"It's fun. It keeps you moving. It's athletic. It's a good brain exercise, the eye-hand coordination," she said.

No lawyer? No problem

Woman with no law experience successfully argues case in Washington Supreme Court

BY GENE JOHNSON

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A 60-year-old Irish woman with no college degree or legal training has successfully argued a case against her insurance company before the Washington state Supreme Court.

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province of British Columbia in 1994. A 60-year-old Irish woman with no college degree or legal training has successfully argued a case against her insurance company before the Washington state Supreme Court.

"I probably was more dumbfounded and shocked that a court had really listened to me. I was really pleased about that, and thankful that in my view the court cared about the people of Washington."

Mary Mulcahy

Mulcahy said she's not sure what the next step in her saga will be; she doesn't know whether Farmers will pay without going to a new trial.

Sid Snyder, a Seattle lawyer who is representing Farmers, was out of the office Friday and could not immediately be reached for comment.

eBay washes out historic tub sale auction

BY WOODY BAIRD

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The bathtub where James Earl Ray stood to assassinate civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. is no longer for sale on eBay, the Internet's owner said.

Memphis judge D'Army Bailey wanted to sell the tub for \$150,000, but was told eBay was removing it from its Internet listings. Calls to eBay were not immediately returned Friday.

Bailey said he received an e-mail saying it is against eBay

policy to auction any item "that graphically portrays violence or victims of violence, and lacks substantial social, artistic or political values."

Bailey, a leading founder of the National Civil Rights Museum on the site of King's murder, said he considers the tub "a historic treasure."

"Death and sacrifices are as much a part of our history in this struggle as are our births and lives," he said.

Bailey said the tub attracted several bids, including one for \$152,000. He had no more information on the bidding.

King was shot by a sniper as he stood on the balcony of The Lorraine Motel while helping lead a strike by city sanitation workers in 1968. Investigators said the shot came from a bathroom window of a boarding house about 200 feet away.

Ray pleaded guilty to the murder in 1969. At his hearing, authorities described how the assassin stood in the tub, knocked out the window screen and shot King with a .30-caliber rifle. Ray raised no objections to that testimony but later denied killing King.

northern refuge, rather than follow the great migration south.

The study, published this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, challenges the scientific dogma that the cold would have forced such small mammals south.

Gay cruise greeted with protest

NASSAU, Bahamas — Passengers on a gay cruise were greeted by more than 100 protesters as they stepped off their chartered ship Friday in the Bahamas.

The protesters, led by Christian pastors, gathered in a square in front of the cruise terminal and chanted, "Gay Ways are Not God's Ways."

Cruise organizers said former talk show host Rosie O'Donnell, who promoted the voyage, was aboard the Norwegian Cruise Line ship Norwegian Dawn. But she wasn't seen among those who disembarked.

From The Associated Press

Smack pots uncovered

CLIFTON, N.J. — Roses are red. And sometimes they attract the boys in blue.

Police said they uncovered a ring of heroin smugglers who saturated cardboard flower boxes with \$1 million worth of a liquid form of the drug.

After flying the rose-packed boxes into Kennedy International Airport, the smuggler would have extracted the heroin from the cardboard and sold it, authorities said.

Two New Jersey men from Colombia, Juan Cortez Arias and John Rivera, were arrested Tuesday and charged with drug offenses.

Chipmunks prove hard-core

Chipmunks are harder than we thought, say scientists at the University of Illinois. The furry animals weathered the Ice Age 18,000 years ago in a

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FACES 'N' PLACES

Actress adds new depth to career with role in film 'Saved!'

BY ROGER MOORE

The Orlando Sentinel

Don't choke on your cornflakes, but the word on the street is that it's hip to like 'Neutrogena-clean Mandy Moore.

"Woo hoo!" Moore yelps.

She's pals with indie movie queens Heather Matarazzo ("Welcome to the Dollhouse") and Mary-Louise Parker. She's just finished a musical with James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon and Christopher Walken. She's earning the best reviews of her brief film career with "Saved!," an indie soap of Christian high schools. Rolling Stone called her "hercely funny" as Hilary Faye, queen bee of the movie's American Eagle High.

And she got to sing on the movie's soundtrack with R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, the film's producer (he also produced "Being John Malkovich"). They covered the Beach Boys' "God Only Knows." And Stipe is as close to an arbuter of cool as the culture has these days.

"She really stretched herself with this film and she brought a dimension to Hilary Faye that a lesser actor would have missed," Stipe says.

"Woo hoo!" Moore shouts again, and laughs. But that's it for the "woo hoo" — the modest Ms. Moore is coming back to Earth now.

"Honestly, it's not hip to like me. I'm still such a geek. If people only knew."

But hopefully, this'll open a few doors to more cool projects, and maybe get people to see a different side of me."

Moore, who turned 20 in April, earned her teen fame by being the best of the "anti-Britney" girl pop singers. That squeaky-clean image transferred to skin-care commercials. And it moved to the movies when she broke through in the wholesome romantic tear-jerker "A Walk to Remember" (2002).

"I played this perfect little Christian girl, and people just sort of assume that's who I am," says Moore of that film. "I may maybe there's a little bit of her in me. But maybe 'Saved!' will surprise people. ... The script is subversive and funny and irreverent. ... I knew there'd be controversy attached to it, because of what it was talking about."

What "Saved!" is talking about is the hypocrisy of self-righteous, overly earnest born-again kids whose school tries, and fails, to shield them from their hormones, their sexuality and the world in general. Moore plays the most popular girl in school, one whose religious obsession is getting in the way of a pretty good spoiled-brat temper.

"If you take the whole Jesus thing away from Hilary Faye, she's just that typical popular girl in high school, who instead of being obsessed with boys or money or shopping has her life centered around her religious beliefs," Moore says. "I wanted to make sure she wasn't too over-the-top. I struggled to not cross that fine line into vicious."

Moore calls this "an important movie for people my

More to Mandy

age to see, I think. It addresses important issues like homosexuality and teen pregnancy and finding where you fit in the world, all those sorts of things encompassed in a movie that's outside of cookie-cutter teen movies that, frankly, I've been a part of myself."

Moore came to the role at the last minute. After a run of playing variations of the brunet girl next door, she was eager to add a little edge to her screen persona.

But "Saved!" meant being a little mean. And that meant changing her hair color — again.

"The first time I read the script, I thought, 'Oh, she's definitely blond,'" Moore says, laughing.

She's noticing the notices to "Saved!" Are the critics trying to tell her something? "They're saying that I play mean well," she says, laughing. "I guess I have some deep, embedded anger I haven't worked out. But doing a movie like this is free therapy! Get it all out of my system."

Peter Coyote, who played Moore's preacher-dad in "A Walk to Remember," professes admiration for her work ethic and talent, calling her "one of the most impressive young people I've ever met."

"She has a great deal of character. She works like a dog. She has no attitude, not a whiff of self-importance."

"That's why he doesn't worry about her future."

"I would not count this girl out at all," Coyote says. "She'll have her ups and downs, but she'll be back for a second or third act."

If "Saved!" opens another act in Moore's career, it comes at the right time. She has a new record deal with Warner Bros., and I hope to get into the studio this summer and work with some good songwriters in New York.

Her many months of being in the public eye as tennis star Andy Roddick's girlfriend are behind her. They broke up in early spring.

"Not watching much tennis at all these days," she says with a laugh.

Boyfriend-free, and now making her home most of the year in Los Angeles, at least she can look forward to how her next edgy film, "Romance & Cigarettes," turns out.

"I could call my mom every night and go, 'I just had this scene with James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon, Mary-Louise Parker and Christopher Walken,'" Moore says. Still, she's new to traveling in that film-hip crowd. Actor-turned-director John Turturro's musical treatment of a family battered by a father's infidelity had her confused. "A little heart-to-heart with very hip Oscar-winning co-star Susan Sarandon got her through it."

"She said, 'You know, Mandy, every once in a while you're going to find that you have to do a movie you just don't understand,'" Moore says, laughing. "But you do it, anyway." Now that is cool."

*NSYNC reuniting for charity

"NSYNC haven't completely gone 'Bye, Bye, Bye.' The boy-band pop group will perform together for the first time since the 2003 Grammy Awards as part of a benefit for their charity, the Challenge for the Children Foundation.

The event will be held July 23-25 in Miami. The five "NSYNC" members, including Justin Timberlake, will sing the national anthem before a charity basketball game.

Celebrities expected to attend include actress Shannon Elizabeth, Jamie-Lynn DiScala of "The Sopranos" and rapper Jermaine Dupri.

Challenge for the Children Foundation was created by "N Sync in 1999 to raise money for children's programs and charities throughout the country.



Timberlake

Bloom draws crowds

Some central Kentucky residents got a taste of Hollywood when director Cameron Crowe filmed scenes in Versailles for his latest movie, "Elizabeth."

But Crowe didn't attract as much attention as Orlando Bloom, the movie's male lead.

Girls lined up on Main Street on Thursday to shout, "We love you, Orlando!" to the 27-year-old actor, who was behind the wheel of a gray Mercury sedan that went up and down the street for multiple takes.

Bloom's films include "The Lord of the Rings" movies and "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl."

"Wow, this is unbelievable!" said 9-year-old Emily Frangidakis, who joined her sister, Eleni, 11, in serenading Bloom.

Farrell: Edited-out nudity no big deal

Colin Farrell isn't getting cocky about all the hype surrounding his edited-out nude scene in "A Home at the End of the World."

In the July 23 issue of Entertainment Weekly, Farrell, 28, speaks candidly about the full-frontal display. Despite published reports that the scene was cut because audiences were distracted by the magnitude of what they saw, Farrell said it wasn't anything to "write home about."

"I walk to a door and you see my ... and I walk out of the shot," Farrell said. "It's dark and it's three inches, uh, seconds long."

The film is based on the book by Michael Cunningham, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Hours." Farrell plays a bisexual baker who becomes embroiled in a love triangle with his childhood friend (Dallas Roberts) and his hat-making roommate (Robin Wright Penn).



Farrell

U2 victimized by CD thief

An unfinished copy of U2's upcoming CD disappeared while the Irish rock band was posing for the album cover in a studio outside Nice, France.

About 20 people who were at Tuesday's photo shoot were questioned by police, who said Thursday it was unclear whether the CD's disappearance was accidental or theft.

In a posting on U2's Web site, guitarist The Edge said: "A large slice of two years' work lifted via a piece of round plastic. It doesn't seem credible but that's what's just happened to us ... and it was my CD."

According to the Web site, the band recently completed much of the new album in Dublin, Ireland, and have been involved in post-production work in France.

The CD is the first new studio album from U2 since 2000's "All That You Can't Leave Behind." The new album is scheduled for release this fall.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

YOUR MONEY

Test-driving your fridge

Retailers reach out to shoppers with in-store testing

BY MICHAEL BARBARO
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Falling in love with the new Jenn-Air convection oven but unsure whether it can handle a 25-pound turkey? Maytag Corp. has a novel idea: Bring in the bird and cook it.

As part of a new program, the company is encouraging consumers to test-drive appliances before they purchase them. Shoppers can throw in a load of laundry, wash dirty dishes and bake their favorite dinner. There's even a package of cookie dough on hand in case people forget to bring their own.

"Try it before you buy" is used to apply to cars, clothes and sporting goods.

Now it's weaving its way into such major household purchases as refrigerators and TiVo. National retailers, fighting off price-cutting big-box stores and the Internet, say the strategy is giving them a much-needed edge.

It's proving a powerful tool in selling appliances and electronics, says gadget gurus whose technical-sounding and price-increasing distinctions — higher resolution, extra gigabytes, more pixels — can easily be lost on consumers.

One major target of the effort: women. They make the most household purchases but are more interested in understanding how a product will fit into their

lives than hearing a salesman tick off its bells and whistles, executives said.

Maytag has opened 41 stores with the new format and plans 50 more this year. "You don't buy anything else at that price without testing it out, and we don't think an appliance should be any different," said Jill Spiekerman, a company spokeswoman.

Best Buy Co. is rolling out stores featuring music, books, games, film, and electronics. Salespeople encourage shoppers to kick off their shoes and watch satellite TV on wide-screen plasma monitors.

James Damian, a senior vice president at Best Buy, said multiple product and service sales have risen sharply in stores with the mock rooms. "It's kind of like going to the Ralph Lauren Polo store," Damian said. "They are selling you a wardrobe, not just a shirt. Before now, big box retailers have never done this."

Retailers say interaction sells. At Whirlpool Corp.'s 12,000-square-foot studio store in Atlanta, shoppers spend an average of two hours each turning knobs and pushing buttons. Afterward, 90 percent of them buy a Whirlpool appliance, the company said.

"I think we are going to see a lot more of this," said Raymond Burke, a professor at Indiana Uni-

versity's Kelley School of Business, who predicts the trend will help consumers sift through a crush of nearly identical devices. "This is an overdue way to communicate what makes a product unique."

In a study of 1,000 consumers, the Retail Industry Leaders Association recently found that because of an inability to find products or differentiate between them.

Some high-end boutiques, such as Bang & Olufsen, have been encouraging consumers to test-drive their goods, but executives credit the success of Ikea, the Swedish purveyor of trendy assemble-your-own rooms, with generating the current interest in this approach. The company devotes about 25 percent of its floor space to fully furnished — and, where electricity is required, functioning — rooms showcasing Ikea products and some non-Ikea appliances. The so-called "Ikettes" encourage sales not only of single products, the company says, but also of entire collections.

To sell Maytag's latest ultra-quiet appliance, Brian Baumgartner, who owns a Maytag Studio in Elberton, used to launch into an elaborate explanation of its sound insulation package. Now he just turns it on.

"Isn't that quiet?" he said as he passed one of them.

Watching movies on PC big screen

Q. We just bought a new PC with Windows XP Home Edition, and for the life of me, I cannot get it to display any of my home movie files as full-screen showings.

When I click on the command for full screen, the videos are displayed in a window that takes up the whole screen, but it also has silver bars for command on the top and bottom. Surely, I am missing something.

Sharon Easton@aol.com
A. Surely, you are missing something. Ms. E., it's a buried command in Windows Media Player that in new machines often is properly selected for showing raw movie format like AVI, MPG and so on.

Open the Media Player, go to the Tools item and then select the Options command in the menu that appears. Next, in the box this summons, select the Performance tab. Open it and click on the Advanced button. In the display this creates, remove the check from the two boxes on the right-hand side dealing with "full screen" in the title.

I can speculate that Microsoft programmers left that silver command bar on the bottom because it gets used in playing blockbuster-type DVDs that have their own full-screen and letterbox settings. Surely, they goofed.

Q. I got to the software repair site that I need to use, you must start the address with a title. How do you create one on the computer keyboard? Rich-

ard J. Ross (comcast.net)

A. I recommend holding down the Shift key and then tapping the title key (~), which is located on the key next to the number 1 just above the alphabet on standard keyboards.

You are far from alone in this confusing situation, Mr. R.

The title amounts to a punctuation mark that is used commonly in languages including Spanish and Portuguese, but hardly ever employed in English. When it is used in an English expression, like "Costes is correct," it would mean that the statement is approximate rather than certain. People in the sciences and mathematics, to cite some titles like ~10 grams or ~750 milliliters.

Precisely because it is rare, the tilde was adopted by the writers of the original Unix hypertext markup language that creates Web sites. The tilde is a part of a larger site to a subgroup.

Many Internet service providers used the tilde to designate a customer's private site, as in www.serviceprovider.com/~johnhdoe.

But the tilde is authors use it in the address of subdomains on sites designed for the public, creating no end of confusion.

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FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES				
	52-week High	Low	Name	YTD %
Dow Jones Industrial	8,957.11	8,256.38	Dow Jones Industrials	11.11
S&P 500	1,212.45	1,156.38	Dow Jones Industrials	11.11
NASDAQ Composite	2,883.2	2,286.46	Dow Jones Industrials	11.11
Russell 2000	6,788.12	5,438.77	NYSE Composite	11.11
NYSE Composite	12,748.11	9,367.71	AMEX Index	11.11
AMEX Index	1,646.88	1,456.88	Nasdaq Composite	11.11
Nasdaq Composite	1,163.23	969.84	S&P 500	11.11
S&P 500	68.66	47.78	S&P MidCap	11.11
S&P MidCap	68.62	46.97	Russell 2000	11.11
Russell 2000	11,371.14	9,238.56	DJ Wilshire 2000	11.11

NYSE				
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-EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates				
	Japanese yen (¥)	107.00		
S. Korean won (₩)	191.00	1,129.00		
British pound (£)	\$1.724	\$1.724		
Commercial rates				
Bahrain (Dh)	0.3770			
British pound (£)	\$1.6709			
Canadian dollar (Cdn)	0.6121			
Denmark (Krone)	0.0194			
French franc (F)	0.0001			
German mark (M)	0.0001			
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2458			
Hungary (Forint)	20.00			
Indian Rupee (₹)	0.0081			
Israel (Shekel)	0.2424			
Japanese Yen (¥)	0.0081			
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.4697			
Norwegian Krone (K)	0.0001			
Philippines (Peso)	0.0001			
Singapore (Dollar)	0.6460			
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7002			
S. Korea (Won)	112.00			
Switzerland (Franc)	0.7228			
Thailand (Baht)	0.0001			
Thailand (Baht)	1.4287			

NASDAQ				
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KEY MUTUAL FUNDS				
Name	NAV	High	Low	% Chg
Fidelity Asset Growth	35.49	-13	-2	
Fidelity Asset Growth	48.72	-28	-2	
Fidelity Asset Growth	29.39	-18	-2	
Fidelity Asset Growth	29.39	-18	-2	
Fidelity Asset Growth	29.39	-18	-2	
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Fidelity Asset Growth	29.39	-18	-2	
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PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$496.60
Silver	\$67.12

INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.25

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate				
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Confidence and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Finding financial planners

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — As your retirement accounts and savings grow, take care to choose the right financial planner.

The American Association of Retirement Planners reports that retirees are often prime targets for self-styled financial planners who are more like salesmen and may not always be working to protect investors and their capital.

The Securities and Exchange Commission recommends you ask the following questions when interviewing a financial planner:

- What experience do you have, especially with people in my circumstances?
- Where did you go to school?
- What is your recent employment history?
- What licenses do you hold?
- What financial products and services do you offer?

■ What will you be able to recommend?

■ How are you paid for your services? What is your usual hourly rate, flat fee or commission?

■ Have you ever been disciplined by the government regulator for unethical or improper conduct, or been sued by a client?

The AARP also recommends that you interview at least three planners, and ask each to provide references — clients that he or she has worked with for at least three years. Make sure to speak with several of them.

Also be ready to research your broker's record with your firm before handing over your money. You should look into the firm's history, registration and license status, and whether any complaints have been filed against it. To check out your current broker or firm, call the NASD's toll-free BrokerCheck hot line at 1-800-289-9999.

MONDAY EVENING / JULY 19, 2004

MOVIES

SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6 AFN-P	ESPNews	Pacific Report	60 Minutes II (CC)		Cold Case "Hitchock" Lily opens the case of a hitchock murder near Atlantic City (CC)		Without a Trace "Fallout" The team learns that Samantha has been shot in a hostage crisis situation. (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Show (CC)
7 AFN-AT	5:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Lio & Stitch: Dirty party tunity (CC)	Digimon: Digital Monsters (CC)	I Say "Campfire Night Light" (CC)	Even Stevens "Un-choke" (CC)
8 NEWS	CNN Daybreak		Access Hollywood (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)				ESPNews	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)	
9 SPORTS	5:00 Victor Awards XXXVIII		British Open Highlights		SportsCenter		Cycling Tour de France. [Taped]					
10 SPEC	Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Counterfeit" Benson and Fin are forced to team up to probe a murder.		Monster Garage "Top Car/Donut Shop" Donut shop in a police car. (CC)		The New Detectives: Case Studies in Forensic Science A novice wishes up on a mermaid.		*** "Reznar" (1987, Comedy) Steve Martin, David Harnish, Rick Rossovich. Modern Cyano seeks a shy buddy who's a barely astrophotometer.			
14 TMC	(5:55) *** "I Love Trouble" (1994, Suspense) Julia Roberts, Nick Nolte, Saul Rubinek. Real reporters team up on a dangerous investigative piece. PG (CC)		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Antiques Roadshow Original comedy trip artwork from the 1930s-1960s, color or photograph. (Part 1 of 3) (CC)		History Detectives A ship reportedly used as a landing cot in Normandy. (N) (CC)		(15) *** "K-11: The Widemaker" (2002, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard. A Soviet submarine's nuclear reactor develops a leak. PG-13 (CC)		Charlie Rose The Founding Fathers. (N) (CC)	
24 PBS	Clifford the Red Dog "Diane takes a bath" (E)		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Antiques Roadshow Original comedy trip artwork from the 1930s-1960s, color or photograph. (Part 1 of 3) (CC)		History Detectives A ship reportedly used as a landing cot in Normandy. (N) (CC)		*** "The Four Feathers" (2002, Adventure) Heath Ledger, Ewan McGregor, Kate Winslet. A former soldier accused of cowardice must redeem his name. PG-13 (CC)			
25 SHOW	(5:15) *** "Who Is Celia Cruz?" (2002, Comedy) Christian Sotelo, Tim Allen, Portia de Rossi. R (CC)		*** "Bull Durham" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Costner, Susan Sarandon, Tim Lincecum. A baseball game provides a portal to a baseball pitcher. R (CC)		Cold Case Files "The Killer's Trial" Unique talent. (CC)		The Ranch" (2004, Drama) Amy Madigan, Jennifer Aspen, Christine Collins. Premiere. A widow runs a airline brother in Nevada. NR (CC)		Family Plots "A Rich Girl" (N) (CC)	Family Plots "Chuck involved in dating service." (N) (CC)	Arline Blind man meets blind date. (N) (CC)	Crossing Jordan "Lost and Found" Jordan and a detective search for a murdered lover's missing sister. (CC)
27 A&E	Airline A flight attendant's bare armpits (CC)		Airline Drunk ejected from an airport. (CC)		Airline Rowdy talk: last legs, penguins. (CC)		Airline Drunk ejected from an airport. (CC)		Family Plots "A Rich Girl" (N) (CC)	Family Plots "Chuck involved in dating service." (N) (CC)	Arline Blind man meets blind date. (N) (CC)	Crossing Jordan "Lost and Found" Jordan and a detective search for a murdered lover's missing sister. (CC)
28 DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
29 TFC	5:50 Jing Tangling King	Adventures	Insider	The Correspondents		Good Morning Kria	(15) Kumikiting Kabuhayan	(40) Masayang Tanghal Bayan			(10) Sarah, Teen	(40) Mangkap Ka Princess
30 CNN-I	Larry King Weekend (CC)		CNN World News	World Sport	Business International		Asia Tonight	World Sport	CNN World News	World Sport	Biz Asia	Business International
31 GOLF	Golf Central		Beating the Best Tom Watson		Golf Central		Golf Channel Academy	Golf Central		What's in the Bag?	Playing Lessons From the Pros	ALPGA: Celebrating 50 Years
32 TLC	Clean Sweep "Last Train From Clutter Town" A couple is rescued. (CC)		Wild Weddings Home video and personal stories of wedding-day mishaps. (CC)		Wild Weddings Anti-infected reception: car problems, ex-girlfriend's surprise objection. (CC)		Wild Weddings A bride whips someone, something, forgetting she's wearing a microphone. (CC)		Wild Weddings Anti-infected reception: car problems, ex-girlfriend's surprise objection. (CC)			
34 TOON	Samurai Jack	Decker's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.		Am Wessel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35 ANPL	King of the Jungle "Day 6" Exotic bird, a life swim with a big animal. (CC)		King of the Jungle "Finale" The King of the Jungle is crowned.		King of the Jungle "The winner encounters predators in Florida and Nile crocs in Kenya." (CC)		Animal Cops Detroit "Dog Tied" An injured cat. (CC)		Animal Miracles "Misty's Fire" A dog saves a fire to find a life boy.			
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Stripes dressed up code flap

In the July 12 article "CNFJ will dress down sailors if attire policy changes OK'd," Stars and Stripes tackles an important issue regarding U.S. Navy personnel — not only in Japan, but worldwide. I applaud the diligence and extreme commitment to covering globally hot topics such as the dress code. It is unfortunate more newspapers do not cover these types of high-profile issues.

I cannot fathom the embarrassment I might have felt had I inadvertently taken my young infant to the PX wearing an unauthorized tube top. I have knowingly worn the rules in the past and feel I should atone for my sins now. I have embarrassed myself and my country by wearing unauthorized "shower shoes" to the McDonald's drive-thru. It was regrettable, a thoughtless error.

Surely had the honorable Hideo Sawada, mayor of Yokosuka, seen me, he would understand. I was hungry and I felt my few dollars might bolster the Japanese economy. At least this is how I justify my internationally unfriendly dress.

Somehow I must have fallen into the 1 percent of rule-breakers. To quote Yokosuka Naval Base Command Master Chief Joe Steadley from the Stripes article concerning the dress code and its enforcement: "It has to be monitored, enforced, and there has to be penalties. Otherwise, it's just a piece of paper that 99 percent of the people will follow." Well if 99 percent follow, I do not understand why the 1 percent should not get away with disobedience. Improved enforcement is definitely required.

Unfortunately, I have seen too much temptation in civilian attire lately. There are military members who have been wearing clothes that seem to set them apart from their fellow servicemen. I think these clothes might be purchased online because the PX does not appear to sell them. I know it is impossible for Americans to purchase inappropriate clothing on the Japanese market. So if these clothes were purchased online, perhaps it would be best to ban Internet clothing purchases in the interest of international relations.

Additionally, I applaud the assault on do-rags or wave caps. If by wearing a do-rag an individual can make a statement toward individuality or groupthink, then other military mindlessness — it must be wrong.

These do-rags represent what is worn in our culture: common grounds and cultural assimilation or representation. What next? Are we going to allow Jews to wear kippot? Although I have seen a few Jewish gentlemen wearing them in the PX, I just hoped someone would command them to discard the offending skullcap.

I am not allowed to wear a ballcap into the PX, surely ethnic and religious clothing must be unauthorized as well as offensive do-rags. For the next story I suggest Stripes cover the offensiveness of the untended lawn and what it tells our hosts

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about our untidy and disgraceful American behavior. Seems to me the issue might be another headline.

Marvin Rydberg

Okinawa

Girl's views deserve respect

In his July 12 letter "Bush's acts can't be forgiven" Wallace Armes responds to a 12-year-old girl, a true American patriot, with a mean-spirited and condescending letter dripping with sarcasm. Her letter questioned the integrity and accusations against her president. His "response" simply offered more of the same in a failed attempt to sound more intellectual than a 12-year-old girl. Mr. Armes attacks our electoral process (apparently it is flawed when it doesn't work in his favor) and engages in wacky conspiracy theories and insults that would make Michael Moore proud.

What is surprising is that it appears that the young writer seems to possess a level of maturity and awareness of facts not demonstrated in Mr. Armes' letter. He could have responded without communicating his admitted personal contempt for President Bush. He could have expressed himself without paraphrasing the hate-filled enemy that we are fighting in Iraq and elsewhere, thereby eerily sounding just like them.

Mr. Armes either chose not to restrain himself, is incapable of doing so, or he doesn't know how. Any one of these situations demonstrates a lack of maturity and responsibility. He failed to write with the poise and professionalism demonstrated by the young writer from June 26 ("Bush needs our support").

I applaud the young writer for her courage in speaking out and for doing so responsibly. She has inspired me to encourage my daughter to read letters to the editor as a summer project.

Mr. Armes can stay in Europe where he can comfortably stew in his insults, contempt and conspiracy theories. We grown folks, 12-year-olds and all, have a great nation to defend.

Staff Sgt. Jim Quetta
Camp Courtney, Okinawa

Yes, we did elect Bush

After reading the June 12 letter "Bush's acts can't be forgiven" I had to chuckle. Did the writer really write these things? Does he really believe that? Let's take a closer look.

There was no election. It was the barest majority of the Electoral College that elected him." That is semi-correct. The popular vote doesn't elect the president, only the electoral vote. That is the way the country is founded and has worked in every other election year we have had. As I recall, there were numerous recountings of the popular vote in Florida and the result came out pretty much the same each time. We did elect the president. If we had not elected him, someone else would be in office right now.

It is unfortunate that a man of such limited abilities, unchosen for the job to begin with, "... how does one figure that President Bush has limited abilities? Was not governor of Texas an important position? How about owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team? Unchosen for the job? There are only two ways to become president of the United States: be chosen in an election, or be the vice president if the president dies.

"But the fact remains that this same man squandered the good will and cooperation of the world." Come now, do you really buy into that? Most of the world was not cooperating in the first place. "Diverting the war on terrorism?" The war in Iraq and Afghanistan is nothing but a war on terrorism. And who all voted to go into that war? Both houses of Congress.

"It is this sense of lost opportunities that anyone would have been better than what we got that is so depressing." What would be depressing if we had anyone other than who we have.

And finally, tax relief for billionaires. [Neither] I nor no one I know who has received the tax benefits of Bush is a billionaire. I am a soldier. All of the soldiers I knew of at the time received a check in the mail as an added tax return a few years back.

What I suggest is to all in the coming elections: Don't listen to the media at all. Do your own simple research. Search out the two or three issues that are really important to you (more if you need to or have the time) and look to see what the candidates' stance are on those issues. Then, vote for the candidate who has your best interest in mind.

Don't take my word, or the word of the media. Stand up for yourself and vote. Because your vote does count.

Eric Everet
Baumholder, Germany

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury



OPINION

CIA wasn't only one hornswoggled by Iraq

BY JOHN HALL
Media General

WASHINGTON

The Senate's Intelligence Committee report on CIA blunders leading up to the Iraq war has touched off the first head-to-head clash of the presidential campaign.

This is more than preliminary, pre-convention sparring. Although it's only July, campaigns are blazing by now on both sides.

You would think that the new Democratic ticket would be writing a thank-you note. What a gift just before the party convention. But nothing is that simple.

When the committee [recently] claimed that the United States had gone war on the basis of flawed intelligence — specifically a string of erroneous CIA findings that Iraq had slashed away weapons of mass destruction — it made no judgment about President Bush. Many Democrats seized on the report as an indictment of Bush's Iraq policy, and Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said he had been misled into voting for the resolution of support for the war.

The Democratic standard-bearer, Sen. John Kerry, said of the administration: "They were wrong and soldiers died because they were wrong."

Yet, Kerry and his running mate, Sen. John Edwards, have brushed aside as "hypothetical" questions about whether they would have changed their votes in favor of the Iraq war resolution had they known in 2003 what they know now.

If a policy is branded wrong in retrospect, a question about a vote for the policy doesn't look all that hypothetical.

Vice President Cheney said Kerry and Edwards had developed a case of "amnesia" about their votes. Kerry responded that he was proud of another vote he and Edwards cast — this one against an \$87 billion appropriation to carry out the war.

You could almost hear the voices offstage, "Don't go there."

Since the \$87 billion Kerry voted against after "actually" voting for it — made famous in a campaign commercial Bush used to disparage Kerry last spring as he was nailing down the Democratic nomination.

Meantime, Bush and Cheney seemed eager to prove they made the right choice in committing the nation to war.

Bush went to Oak Ridge, Tenn., with public opinion polls indicating steady erosion in support on Iraq. You would have thought he might have reflected on why he and the experts on Iraq were so convinced Saddam Hussein was hiding WMD.

Instead, a combative Bush said he was justified in going to war and would not retreat once he had won his controversial and unpopular policy of pre-emptive warfare.

Why was everyone fooled about the Iraqi weapons? The CIA wasn't the only institution that was hornswoggled. Saddam Hussein had convinced everyone else he had plenty to hide when he kicked weapons inspectors out of Iraq. Yet the latest evidence is that he had given up his quest for nukes in the mid-1990s, but wanted the world, and



his own people as well as his own army, to believe to the end that he had nukes, as well as germ and chemical weapons ... so his enemies would fear him more. ...

Saddam's thought processes really don't matter much anymore. Or do they? If he had given United Nations inspectors free reign in his country — as they were supposed to

have after his 1991 war against Kuwait — he would not have drawn the suspicion that he drew to himself and his country. But in his country, he needed that notoriety. And so, over here, there was an intelligence failure, a war, a big investigation and a campaign.

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Gadhafi, Saddam equally evil: Why just punish one?

BY MONA ELTAHAWEY

When the United States ended a 24-year chill and restored diplomatic relations with Libya on June 28, the first person I thought of was Baha Omary Kikhia. I interviewed her in Cairo, Egypt, more than 10 years ago during one of her many trips to the region to find out what happened to her husband, former Libyan foreign minister turned dissident Mansour Kikhia.

His case has too easily been lost in the lecture of bloodier and larger crimes committed by the Libyans, such as the 1988 Pan Am bombing, which killed 270 people. But Moammar Gadhafi has been brutal to Libyans too, and his various eccentricities should not blind us to the police state he has presided over since he assumed power in a September 1969 coup.

He may travel with Kalsimakov-armed female bodyguards, he may pitch tents at home and abroad for talks with officials, and he may pen such "classics" as the short story collection "The Village, the Village, the Earth, the Earth and the Suicide of the Astronaut," but none of these quirks should distract us from his abysmal human rights record. Arbitrary arrests, a muzzled press, a ban on political parties and the squandering of Libya's oil wealth have never been laughing matters for Libyans.

And we should not forget Mansour Kikhia, who disappeared in Cairo in December 1993 while attending a meeting of an Arab human rights organization he had helped found. Kikhia had defected to the United States in 1980 and was a U.S. resident who was four months away from receiving citizenship when he went to Egypt. A four-year CIA investigation found in 1997 that Egyptian agents turned over Kikhia — who had asked for Egyptian security protection while in Cairo — to agents of Gadhafi's regime, who spirited the dissident to Libya, where he was executed and buried in the Libyan desert.

My interview with his wife, a U.S. citizen, left me painfully saddened for her and her family. ... I could not forget her during an assignment in Tripoli in 1996, when a Libyan government minder shadowed me at every turn and an official with the ministry of information asked me why we were so critical of Libya in the copy we filed at the Reuters news agency. And I will not forget her now, or the many others who have suffered from Gadhafi's regime, just because he is able to say the things he knows the Americans and British want to hear.

Gadhafi, claiming he had seen the light, accepted responsibility last year for the Pan Am bombing, agreeing to pay compensation to the victims' families (I wonder whether he has paid compensation to Baha Omary Kikhia) and to dismantle his chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. If that last bit sounds familiar, it should.

President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair want us to think that Gadhafi's conversion on the road to Washing-

ton and London was due to the fear that he would end up in the same jail cell as Saddam Hussein. (Gadhafi's daughter Aicha, a law professor, has joined Saddam's defense team.) With no weapons of mass destruction to justify a war against a country that never threatened them, Libyans and Arabs are determined to hold on to their theory that the "war on terrorism" and the invasion of Iraq would bring rogue states in line.

But it's an odd argument they're making. In the absence of weapons of mass destruction, and with images of Saddam on trial for war crimes, they have been pushing the "removal of a brutal dictator" excuse for the invasion of Iraq.

How do they square this with their astonishing rush to embrace another ruthless dictator? Gadhafi's behavior of late has been uncomfortably close to brutal.

In May ... a Libyan court sentenced five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor to death by firing squad for deliberately infecting some 400 children with HIV. The medics

had always protested their innocence and said they had been tortured by police, with beatings, sexual assault and electric shocks.

Expert witnesses for their defense included one of the team that discovered the AIDS virus, who said this was an epidemic caused by poor hygiene at the hospital, not by an international conspiracy. Isn't Bulgaria a member of the "Coalition of the Willing"?

In London last year, Bush acknowledged that the United States and Britain had not always been on the right side of democracy when it came to the Mideast. "Your nation and mine in the past have been willing to make a bargain to tolerate oppression for the sake of stability," Bush said to Blair.

It's not difficult to imagine that just such a bargain, along with some good old-fashioned military and oil contracts thrown in, is the driving force behind the resumption of ties with Libya.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Mother sues state

FL MIAMI — The mother of a boy who was allegedly stomped to death by his father sued the state Wednesday for placing the 5-year-old in the man's care despite his criminal record.

The Department of Children & Families violated the civil rights of Zachary Bennett, who died April 2003 of a ruptured liver bleeding brain and broken ribs, the lawsuit said.

Christopher Bennett, 29, was charged with first-degree murder and aggravated child abuse in the death. He has pleaded innocent.

Bennett had an extensive criminal record that included 11 arrests for battery, domestic violence and selling cocaine.

Pipeline violations fine

AZ PHOENIX — A company whose gas pipeline broke last summer, causing a shutdown that led to shortages in the Phoenix area, would be fined \$325,000 for separate safety violations under a proposal by federal regulators.

Houston-based Kinder Morgan Energy Partners was cited for 11 violations in inspections in 2003, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Research and Special Programs Administration said Thursday.

The violations included failure to explain why older, welded pipes and the potential for cracking were excluded as risk factors in company safety planning.

An administrative judge must decide whether to approve the fine.

He fought the law

NY WATERTOWN — A 40-year-old man has been charged with assault, accused of repeatedly throwing a prosecutor to the ground, then choking a crime victim's advocate outside City Hall.

According to police, Brian A. Tucker, of Watertown, faces two third-degree assault charges, felony third-degree weapon possession for a folding knife found locked open on a nearby bench, and fourth-degree criminal mischief for tearing the prosecutor's jacket and pants.

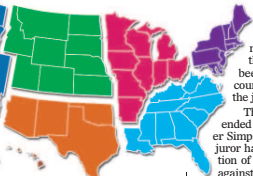
Assistant District Attorney Timothy Virkler, 28, had a cut chin and scraped knees, elbows and face, while Elizabeth Dominguez, 23, of the Jefferson County Victims Assistance Center, had marks on her neck, police reports said.

Unpopular plate wins

KY FRANKFORT — Kentucky's highly unpopular license plate featuring a smiling, rising sun has outshined the competition in a national contest.

The Automobile License Plate Collectors Association gave the 2003 Best License Plate Award to Kentucky, which introduced the new design last year. An award ceremony was held Tuesday at the Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort.

Kentucky beat out Maine's special-issue lobster plate 80-79 among 513 votes cast by association members. The "God Bless



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America" special-issue plate in Texas received 77 votes. It was Kentucky's first top finish in the contest.

Race dogs drugged

RI PROVIDENCE — Four greyhounds that raced at the dogtrack at Lincoln Park have tested positive for cocaine, another public relations blow for the gambling center that is being investigated by federal authorities for allegedly plotting bribes.

The discoveries were made in December, February and March, when the dogs showed trace amounts of benzoyllecgonine, a compound created by the metabolic breakdown of cocaine, in their systems.

Officials with the state Department of Business Regulation told The Providence Journal they have no idea how it happened, though one advocate for the dogs' welfare said it may have been caused by a drug user touching the dog's food. No one has been disciplined.

Sleepy juror stalls case

VA STAFFORD — A Stafford County juror who fell asleep in court and triggered a mistrial June 30 will not be punished.

"In this case, the judge reassured the juror that he wasn't in trouble, and that was the end of it," said George Elsassner, the Stafford County prosecutor involved in the case. The juror's name was not released.



Path of destruction

The path of destruction from powerful storms is shown in this aerial photograph taken of the Country Squires Estates development in Cambeltown, Pa.

leased. If the juror had misbehaved and ignored warnings from the judge, he may have been held in contempt of court, Elsassner said. But the juror was cooperative.

The Circuit Court trial ended when Judge Ann Hunter Simpson was told the young juror had slept through a portion of the prosecution's case against 42-year-old Linwood Collins, court records show. Collins, a Washington resident, is charged with grand larceny and breaking and entering.

A new trial was scheduled for Oct. 26.

No school plot charges

LA GONZALES — Authorities will not pursue criminal charges against two high school students accused of plotting to kill classmates and teachers in a recreation of the 1999 Columbine massacre.

A grand jury decided Tuesday there was insufficient evidence to put the teens on trial.

"We are not going to pursue the case further unless new evidence is discovered," said Tony Faltermann, district attorney in Ascension Parish, southeast of Baton Rouge.

No weapons were ever tied to Christopher Levins, 17, or Adam Sinclair, 19. They were charged in January with one count each of terrorizing, a felony that carries a maximum sentence of 15 years.

Juliet loves Juliet?

MA BOSTON — An audience mesmerized by the ongoing drama of Romeo and Juliet, two mute swans with a nestful of eggs in the Boston Public Garden, have been disappointed by the denouement: the eggs didn't hatch, and the two swans may actually both be females.

Juliet, or perhaps both Juliets, began laying eggs around May 21, and swan watchers have gathered behind a fence to watch the baby swans — called cygnets — emerge sometime between late June and Sunday.

But the eggs never hatched, and one by one, the eggs disappeared in recent days, going from nine to one on Wednesday. Parks Department officials speculated that the swans may have kicked them into the water.

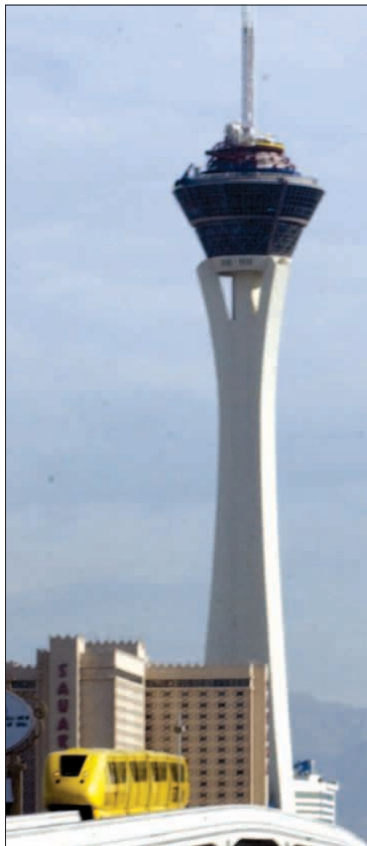
Alleged tough love fatal

MI DEARBORN — A retired doctor who apparently tried to stop his alcoholic brother from drinking by chaining him in his home has been charged with murder after the brother asphyxiated.

The brother was found in his basement with the chain wrapped around his neck, authorities said Thursday.

Merle Rydesky, a retired emergency room doctor, appeared in district court Thursday to face charges of open murder and kidnapping, both of which carry a maximum penalty of life in prison. He was freed on \$50,000 bail.

Prosecutors said Rydesky confined his 57-year-old brother James in the basement by wrapping a 30-foot chain around his neck.



Finally open

The Las Vegas Monorail passes near the Stratosphere Hotel and Casino. Tourism officials are betting as many as 20 million visitors a year will use the rail to shuttle between hotels in Las Vegas.



Watchin' the ships roll in

An unidentified man watches sailboats travel about Newport (R.I.) Harbor in front of the Newport Bridge.



Celebrating heritage

From left, Mariangela Cordero, 10; Daniela Cordero, 9; and Daniela Giulianelli, 3, enjoy the day at the Venezuelan Festival in Miami.



High waters

Tom Krausman wades through flood waters in Haver De Grace, Md.



Perfect 10

Cappuccino, a 4-year-old border collie from Las Vegas, catches a flying disc in midair above a pool of water during the Purina Incredible Dog Team show long dog jump contest in Stone Mountain, Ga. The other border collie is really an image on the lining of the pool.



Demolition time

A worker sprays water to keep down dust as a claw on an excavator rips apart Building 771 at the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant near Golden, Colo.

Board official ignored

MA BOSTON — The battle over control of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority took a strange turn at a meeting last week when board member Christy Mihos' seat was deemed vacant, even though he was in it.

The meeting was called for a single vote on approving Turnpike funding for the Greenway planned in downtown Boston. Chairman Matthew Amorello called for a vote, which was recorded as unanimous in favor of the funding, even though Mihos loudly called "Nay," the Boston Herald reported.

"This is like we're in Mother Russia back in the '80s ...," Mihos said.

Mihos is an ally of Gov. Mitt Romney, who wants to merge the Turnpike Authority into state government, which would cost Amorello his job.

Pricey Heisman

FL FORT MYERS — A Florida family will sell the original Heisman Trophy for about \$1.25 million, according to attorney Kevin Jursinski. He says the plaster original of the Heisman Trophy was created by the late Frank Eliscu in 1935 and isn't for public auction. Jursinski says he and the family chose 150 influential sports and business people as potential buyers.

Taste of Sweden

MN BLOOMINGTON — About 2,000 shoppers were waiting in line when Swedish retailer Ikea opened its first Minnesota store with Swedish dancing, Swedish songs and Swedish meatballs. Some shoppers spent three nights waiting outside for a chance to win one of the free chairs offered to the first 100 customers. Ikea sells ready-to-assemble furniture and other inexpensive home furnishings.

Covering up tattoos

CA SAN DIEGO — The police chief in the nation's seventh-biggest city has ordered a cover up. He's cracking down on his own officers' tattoos.

Effective Wednesday, San Diego police officers with "excessive" body art must cover it up with long sleeves or turtlenecks while on the job. Hot summer temperatures won't be an excuse.

The new policy, outlined in a five-page memo, is expected to affect half a dozen of the department's more than 2,000 officers, police spokesman Dave Cohen said.

Female attorney general

NH CONCORD — Kelly Ayotte, New Hampshire's first female attorney general, was sworn in. She replaced Peter Heed, who resigned amid allegations of misconduct at a state-sponsored conference in May. Heed was cleared of any criminal wrongdoing.

Death by metal wire

TX DALLAS — A man was crushed to death by a bale of metal wire early Thursday at a commercial metals dealer, authorities said.

The 39-year-old worker was guiding a truck as it was backing

up at Liberty Commercial Metals in Dallas, said Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Lt. Jesse Garcia.

The worker accidentally bumped into a stack of four heavy bales of metal wires, Garcia said. The top bale toppled over and instantly crushed him to death.

No one else was hurt.

The man's name was not immediately released.

Portable potty as muse

MO ST. LOUIS — Sometimes inspiration can strike in the most mundane of places. For Isaac Newton, it was an apple tree. For Mike Mason, it was a portable toilet.

Mason was standing in a long line to use the facilities at a softball tournament when he was struck with a thought: Wouldn't it be more pleasant to urinate at a beer can instead of a portable toilet? The 45-year-old has formed MediCan Inc. to turn portable toilets into advertising venues.

Mason says he wants to attract the attention of companies like Anheuser-Busch Cos., PepsiCo Inc., and other firms that sell products in cylindrical shapes. Their advertising messages can be put on 8-foot-tall replicas of soda or beer cans, pill bottles, or batteries. So far, Mason hasn't had any takers.

Disappearing doors

NY NEW YORK — Police were investigating the disappearance of four security doors that were bought by the department but never installed at police headquarters.

The doors, which cost the police department nearly \$200,000, were delivered on June 28, 2001, but were too heavy for the floor at 1 Police Plaza.

Police spokesman Deputy Commissioner Paul Browne said Wednesday paperwork documenting what happened to the doors had not been found. He said it was unclear who ordered them.

Fatal family accident

TX BALMORHEA — A van filled with family members going to a wedding overturned on a West Texas highway, killing a Los Angeles woman and three of her grandchildren.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said three other people were injured in the one-vehicle rollover along Interstate 10 Wednesday night. A fourth was cut by glass after the wreck.

The van was one of three traveling together from Los Angeles to Houston for a wedding, said DPS spokeswoman Lisa Block.

The dead were identified as 44-year-old Edna Tyars and her grandchildren, 4-month-old Kaymire Zaire Lytle, 7-year-old Stephan Tyars and 14-year-old Sherese Tyars.

Tanning peeper

GA DALTON — Curt Byers was sentenced to five years in prison for videotaping females as they undressed at a tanning salon. Byers, 36, pleaded guilty to filming five females, including a 15-year-old, as they undressed and used a tanning bed. Byers also pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana at the time of May 4 arrest.

Photos and stories from The Associated Press

Horoscope

The morning gets off to an energetic start. Do as much as you can before noon because your motivation may wane when the moon goes void of course midday. These are the last few days of the sun's journey in Cancer. Now is the time to make your home run smoothly and stylishly because next week, you won't be bothered by such things.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

July 19. This year brings the fulfillment of a long-held wish. You'll be happy you never gave up the dream. Finances improve because of decisive actions you take in the next four weeks.

Artistic endeavors are lucky in August and may lead to love and travel. You're terrifically relaxed with a Libra or Taurus and will be able to be a better you because of their influence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The struggle is between you and you today. If you're too strict with yourself, you'll rebel and do nothing. So, instead, give yourself permission to do what you feel like doing. Colleagues credit your strengths.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An elitist circle opens up to you. It's like getting a hall pass to a new galaxy — you can observe for a short time before you must return to your usual realm. Later, you can choose whether or not you'd like to be a bona-fide member.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Matters of scale come up. You'll be wondering just how important your little problems are and to whom besides you. These are excellent points to ponder, and you could come up with the answer that it's not worth worrying over.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a Chinese proverb that says, "Take chances. When rowing forward, the boat may rock." It's a rocky day for you, but you love being "out on the water," so to speak.

Reconciliation depends on your ability to show your love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even on hot July days, there can be a cold bite in the air around those

people who just won't lighten up. But you're the warming agent that gets the room back to normal. That's why you're really needed at every gathering.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your project may be coming along nicely, but it's time to shake things up. Find your own "test audience," and ask them to give you candid feedback — you'll get gold. Time and money won't be the only resources you'll save.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This would be a high-pressure day except that you're having none of that. You're in the mood to live a little, and nothing is getting in your way. The more nonsensical and irrelevant an activity seems, the more you'll be attracted to it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Scorpio, in a small way will give you confidence. There was a time when you didn't know how in the world you would meet your aims, but now, you're discovering that you have abilities you can use to achieve your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You feel loose and lively. The stars lift some of the tensions you've been dealing with lately, and now, you fluidly adjust to the present situation. People may ask for your opinion, but you're wise not to give it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're willing to take in life fully, feel the hurts if necessary and be honored by the joys. This opportunity to develop spiritual wisdom is deeply personal and may be made more special now if you keep it to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Motivation may be low, but you can counteract this by seeking encouragement. Stay around people who will compliment and inspire you. While you're looking for this, you'll end up lighting the fire of inspiration in someone else.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's much in your environment to react to, but be pro-active instead. Take deliberate action — do something you've thought through many times in the past. One prudent move now will contribute hundreds of future successes.

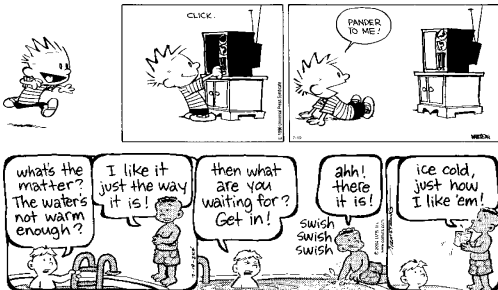
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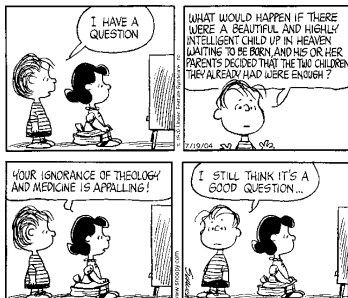
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Better or Worse



Peanuts



Foxrot



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Baby Bites



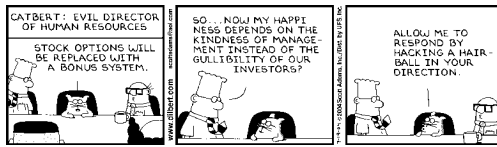
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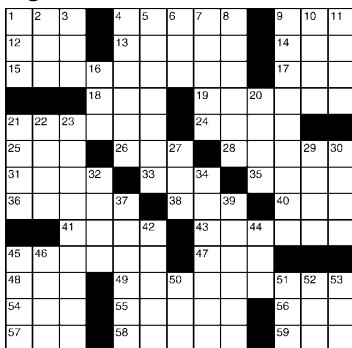
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 4 Archaeologist's prize
- 9 Dan Rather's workplace
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- 14 Beerlike beverage
- 15 "Dead Poets Society" motto
- 17 Wish undone
- 18 "—, been had"
- 19 Mill output
- 21 Hopkins' role
- 24 Verifiable
- 25 Simile center
- 26 Crafty
- 28 Man of many parts?
- 31 Crumbly deposit of earth
- 33 "Of course"
- 35 Longest wholly Spanish river
- 36 Ex-larvae
- 38 Sch. group
- 40 —standstill
- 41 Has a bug
- 43 Beaver State
- 45 The untold story?
- 47 Expert
- 48 X7?
- 49 Gnawing ant
- 54 Onassis, famously
- 55 Gives it a go
- 56 Infinitesimal
- 57 4-Down's "Matin" role
- 58 Hybrid womens-wear
- 59 Ancient
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



7-19 CRYPTOQUIP

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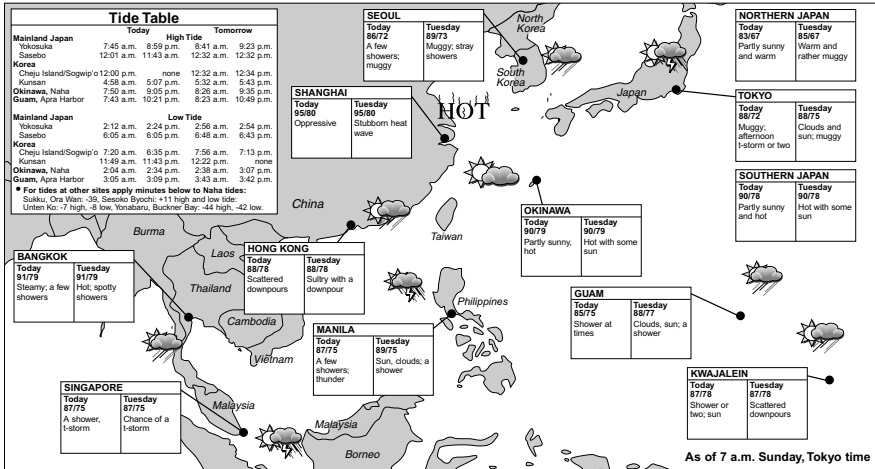
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Saturday's Cryptquip: NOT WANTING TO FALL OFF THE BEAM, THE GYMNAST ALWAYS EATS A WELL-BALANCED DIET.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: G equals T

The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Wednesday: Showers, high 85, low 73.
Thursday: Mostly cloudy, high 81, low 71.

KADENA

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 79.
Thursday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 79.

SEOUL

Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 75.
Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 71.

MANILA

Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 75.
Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 75.

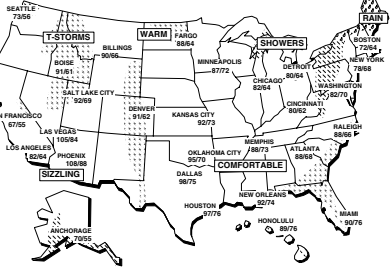
HAGATNA

Wednesday: Showers, high 88, low 77.
Thursday: Showers, high 85, low 75.

Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	94/68	Los Angeles	91/68
Amesbury	67/64	Little Rock	92/69
Anchorage	68/56	Louisville	85/65
Asheville	81/63	Miami	92/76
Baltimore	86/66	Milwaukee	69/58
Birmingham	88/67	Nashville	87/65
Bismarck	88/64	New York	85/70
Boise	99/71	Omaha	85/63
Boston	63/67	Orlando	91/76
Brownsville	97/78	Philadelphia	89/70
Buffalo	79/62	Phoenix	105/87
Burlington	81/62	Pittsburgh	78/60
Charleston, SC	87/73	Portland, OR	93/65
Charlotte	87/68	Portland, ME	79/61
Cleveland	73/61	Salt Lake City	92/70
Columbus, OH	78/62	St. Louis	82/65
Duluth	74/65	San Antonio	98/75
El Paso	100/71	San Diego	80/68
Harford	85/65	San Juan	89/76
Honolulu	100/66	Tampa	84/77
Indianapolis	80/61	Tulsa	93/67
Jacksonville	87/74	Washington	87/67
Kansas City	85/63	Wichita	91/65

Monday, July 19



U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system moving along the Northeast coast will bring rain to eastern New England Monday; farther inland, just a few showers are on tap. A few showers will also dampen the Midwest as an upper-level low moves over the region. A cold front stretching through central Florida will trigger showers and gusty thunderstorms. Much of the nation's heartland will be sunny and warm under a large dome of high pressure. Showers and thunderstorms will develop across the northern Rockies Monday and Tuesday. A few showers and thunderstorms will also develop across parts of the Plains Tuesday. Showers will stretch from the Ohio Valley to the Northeast. Showers and thunderstorms will push across parts of South Florida.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	91/79	Iwakuni	91/75
Beijing	84/74	Kadena AB	90/79
Camp Casey	84/72	Kunsan AB	88/74
Christchurch	42/26	Kwajalein	87/78
Diego Garcia	83/75	Manila	87/75
Hagatna	85/67	Miwake AB	88/78
Hanoi	90/78	Osan	86/74
Hong Kong	88/78	Perth	64/49
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	86/75

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/75	Budapest	91/68
Athens	86/69	Buenos Aires	57/43
Auckland	57/44	Cairo	98/67
Baghdad	117/84	Cancun	88/75
Barbados	88/72	Cape Town	74/43
Barcelona	80/66	Geneva	78/63
Berlin	74/56	Istanbul	80/62
Bermuda	86/75	Jerusalem	91/62
Brussels	71/53	Johannesburg	66/41
		Kabul	86/57
		Nairobi	73/49
		New Delhi	102/84
		Oso	70/53
		Paris	73/51
		Rio de Janeiro	66/55
		Stockholm	57/50
		St. Petersburg	71/54
		Warsaw	87/65



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Yokota Raiders running back John Wilson rushed for 118 yards and a touchdown Saturday. Wilson also caught a pass for a touchdown.

First-place Raiders roll over Dolphins

Stars and Stripes

Air Force teams enjoyed a red-letter Saturday at the expense of their Navy counterparts in U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League play.

John Wilson ran for a touchdown and caught a pass for another and Xavier Reyes ran for three scores to power the first-place Yokota Raiders (3-0) past the Atsugi White Dolphins 50 — the first victory by a road team in six games this season.

Meanwhile, a league-leading rusher James Coleman ground out 201 yards and three touchdowns on 28 attempts, boosting the Misawa Marauders to a 27-6 home triumph over the four-time champion Yokosuka Seahawks.

Yokota 50, Atsugi 0

ATSUGI NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan — While other league teams might have expected Yokosuka to make a run at a fifth straight title, Yokota expected to be where it is.

"We worked hard in the pre-season. We put in the work to be where we are," Yokota offensive coordinator Jake Dowdell said. "It's been a total team effort. People come to practice. Positive attitude."

Bruce Turner was 12-for-21 passing for 235 yards, including scoring passes of 38 yards each to Wilson and Ron Carmichael and 10 yards to Daniel Hitchenson and four passes to Michael Wells for 100 yards in his 1½ quarters.

The Raiders stuck to the ground game the rest of the way

USFI-AFL				
Yokota	W-L	Pct.	Pct.	PF
Misawa	3-0	1.000	99	23
Yokosuka	2-1	.667	55	21
Atsugi	1-2	.333	52	41
	0-3	.000	0	138

Saturday's games
Misawa 27, Yokosuka 6
Yokota 50, Atsugi 0
No games scheduled
Saturday, July 31
Misawa at Yokosuka, 4 p.m.
Atsugi at Yokota, 6 p.m.

against the outmanned White Dolphins, who suited up only 16 players. Wilson finished with 118 yards on just three carries, and Reyes racked up 102 yards on six attempts. Mardie Wilson intercepted two Atsugi passes.

Misawa 27, Yokosuka 6

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — James Coleman ran for touchdowns of 18, 5 and 4 yards, and ran his league-leading rushing total to 462 yards on 62 carries, with five touchdowns.

Misawa (2-1) rushed for 352 yards and completed one pass — David Valencia's 83-yard scoring strike to Michael Jackson.

Chancer Burton recorded two sacks and Rodney McCullough had an interception.

Yokosuka scored its only points in the closing moments, on a 32-yard pass from backup quarterback Justin Victor to Alvin Johnson. The Seahawks played without league sack leader Gary Hicks and team-leading tackle Stephen Fox, among other defensive stars, who are deployed.

"We were undermanned, but we have to suck it up and play," Yokosuka coach Isaac Lee said.

Armstrong makes his move

Stage wins positions American for 6th title

By JOHN LEICESTER

The Associated Press

PLATEAU DE BELLE, France — Clearing the path to a record sixth straight Tour de France crown, Lance Armstrong overpowered his rivals Saturday to cement his place as one of cycling's greatest riders.

Armstrong captured the 13th stage to move within just 22 seconds of leader Thomas Voeckler, who most likely will be easy prey for the Texan.

With just the Alps and two time trials left to negotiate next week, only a meltdown by Armstrong or an unforeseen accident appeared to stand in the way of victory in Paris on July 25.

Only Italian Ivan Basso managed to stay with the five-time champion on the last of seven climbs in the Pyrenees, a devastating ascent to the Plateau de Belle. As Armstrong and Basso bobbed off their saddles through excited crowds lining the route, other riders scattered down the mountain, their hopes of winning seemingly over.

"The team was great. ... It was a dream," Armstrong said.

Tyler Hamilton, a pre-Tour favorite, pulled out with severe back pain, climbing into a team vehicle shortly before the halfway mark of the 127-mile trek from Lannemezan. A year ago, the American rode most of the Tour with a broken collarbone and finished fourth.

Armstrong overtook Basso with a final burst of speed. He also won this route in the 2002 Tour. The stage victory was Armstrong's 17th in 10 Tours and his third this year. He also won the Arm-

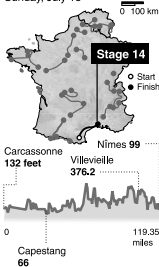
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time trials with his U.S. Postal Service squad this year and last.

On Friday, in the first Pyrenean stage, the placings were reversed: Basso won a stage for the first time in his career and Armstrong was second.

As in previous years, when Armstrong sealed victory in the mountains and then took his prize in Paris, he said he was not ready

to declare the three-week race over yet.

"As I always say, the Tour finishes in Paris," the 32-year-old rider said. "There are still the Alps and many dangerous stages."

Germany's Jan Ullrich — abandoned again on the last climb, as he was Friday — was 2 minutes, 42 seconds behind. He came into the Tour seemingly determined to dethrone the Texan, who has beaten him three times — but his race unraveled in the Pyrenees.

Ullrich, the 1997 Tour winner and a five-time runner-up, is 6:39 behind Armstrong overall. Last year, he lost the Tour to Armstrong by just 61 seconds. Armstrong had hated the German as his most respected rival.

In just two stages in the Pyrenees, Armstrong has sliced Voeckler's lead from more than nine minutes. Voeckler, the French champion, dropped away on the last climb to the Plateau de Belle — an ascent so hard it is not rated. But he persevered, limiting the damage and keeping his overall lead.

"I hung onto this jersey with my guts," he said. "I don't think many people were betting on me this morning — perhaps even I. I'm happy because it is mission accomplished," he added.

Basso, 1-17 behind Armstrong in the overall standings, has emerged as the last main rival. But he is not an outstanding time trial rider who would be a threat.

"We take him very seriously," said Armstrong, whose team tried to recruit the Italian last year. "He's riding super strong."

But the Texan and Ivan Basso would be dangerous."

White Sox DH Thomas out 8 weeks

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Chicago White Sox designated hitter Frank Thomas is expected to miss eight weeks with a broken bone in his left foot.

Thomas is hitting .271 with 18 homers and 49 RBIs this season. The two-time AL MVP led the league with 61 walks and a .434 on-base percentage entering the weekend.

Thomas was placed on the disabled list last Saturday with inflammation in his ankle, but MRI taken in Las Vegas this week revealed a stress fracture in his foot, the team said Friday.

"We're going to miss one of the best hitters in the game the last few years, but we have to deal with it," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said.

No surgery will be necessary, but Dr. Lowell Weis of Chicago's team podiatrist, recommended immobilizing Thomas' foot. Thomas will undergo additional tests in four weeks, but probably won't return before the final weeks of the regular season.

Yankees put Mussina on DL
DETROIT — The New York

Sports briefs

Yankees have one more reason to want Randy Johnson.

Mike Mussina went on the disabled list Friday with a sore right elbow, two days before he was scheduled to return to the rotation.

Mussina, who has fluid in his elbow, will be eligible to come off the DL on July 22. Alex Graman was recalled from Triple-A Columbus to take his roster spot.

Delgado staying in Toronto

ARLINGTON, Texas — Carlos Delgado said Friday that he won't waive his no-trade clause, preferring instead to stay in Toronto to finish the final year of his \$64 million contract.

General Manager J.P. Ricciardi asked Delgado last week if he'd be willing to be traded. The 30-year-old slugger gave his answer before the Blue Jays played Friday at Texas.

"When I walked out of that office [Saturday], I said I was going to think about it, go home and talk to my family and my agent. That's what I did," Delgado said. "This is where I wanted to be. So this is the decision that I made."

Devil Rays cut McGriff

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Fred McGriff was cut Saturday by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, seven home runs short of 500.

McGriff, 40, struggled after the Devil Rays brought him up from Triple-A Durham on May 28, hitting just .181 with two homers and seven RBIs in 27 games. He hasn't homered since June 17 against Mark Eaton at San Diego.

Tampa Bay designated him for assignment, meaning the Devil Rays have 10 days to trade him, send him outright to the minors or place him on waivers.

Rice wins fourth IRL pole

GLADEVILLE, Tenn. — Buddy Rice won his second straight pole Friday and fourth this year with a lap of 201.231 mph at Nashville Superspeedway. The 34-year-old team owner, Victor Meira by a slightly larger margin than he needed to beat his teammate at Kansas on July 4 in the second-closest IRL finish.

The victory took Rice 0.001 seconds measured above seven inches.

Rice will be trying for his third victory of the season in Saturday night's Firestone Indy 200.

Santana sharp as Minnesota halts five-game skid

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Johan Santana allowed one hit in eight innings and Lew Ford and Justin Morneau backed him with consecutive home runs, leading the Minnesota Twins over the Kansas City Royals 4-1 on Saturday.

Santana (8-6) improved 6-2 with a 1.43 ERA in his last eight starts, allowing only a leadoff double to Angel Berroa in the second inning as Minnesota stopped a five-game losing streak.

Santana, who pitched a three-hit shutout against the Cubs on July 6, struck out nine to increase his league-leading total to 145. He walked four and also hit a batter.

Joe Nathan finished for his 24th save in 25 chances, completing the first one-hitter against the Royals since Pittsburgh pitched one on July 13, 2001.

Jimmy Gobble (5-7) allowed four runs and five hits in six innings, dropping to 0-3 against the Twins this year and 0-4 in his career.

In AL games on Friday:

Tigers B, Yankees O Mike Maroth pitched one hit, Ivan Rodriguez had a two-run double in a five-run fifth and Detroit won at Comerica Park.

The Tigers (43-46) already have as many wins as they did last season when they lost an AL-record 119 games.

AL Roundup

Indians 18, Mariners 6 Victor Martinez hit three homers, had a career-high seven RBIs and went 5-for-5. Cleveland had eight homers in all at Safeco Field, tying the team record set at Milwaukee on April 25, 1997.

Cliff Lee (10-1) won his fifth straight decision, allowing three runs and four hits in six innings.

Red Sox 4, Angels 2 Pedro Martinez (10-3) won his sixth straight decision, striking out eight in six innings and allowing

two runs, five hits and four walks for the Red Sox at Anaheim.

Nomar Garciaparra homered, and Keith Foulke got three outs for his 14th save, his first since June 13.

Royals 12, Twins 3 Dee Brown hit a grand slam off Brad Radke (5-6) in a six-run third and an RBI single in a four-run fourth for a career-high five RBIs. Deshaun Akers had a two-run homer for the Royals at Kauffman Stadium.

Devil Rays 2, Orioles O John Halama (5-3) allowed three hits over eight innings as Tampa Bay stopped a five-game losing streak with a victory at home.

Danys Baez completed the three-hitter for his 18th save.

Rangers 11, Blue Jays 2 Ryan Drese (5-5) gave up two runs — one earned — and nine hits in seven-plus innings. He has five wins at home, where he has a 1.91 ERA.

All-Star Game MVP Alfonso Soriano had a two-run homer and a pair of RBI singles, and Laynce Nix went 4-for-4 with a two-run homer.

Athletics 5, White Sox 1 Barry Zito (5-7) gave up one run and three hits in seven starts. Jermaine Dye hit a three-run homer and had three hits for the A's at Network Athletics Coliseum.

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Reds' Dunn cools hot Cards with homer

Cincinnati gets only its second win of season over St. Louis

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Adam Dunn hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning and the Cincinnati Reds cooled off the St. Louis Cardinals with a 7-5 victory on Saturday.

St. Louis, which had overcome a 4-0 deficit to tie the game, had won 10 of its previous 11 games.

Barry Larkin and Willy Mo Pena also homered for the Reds, who won for just the second time in nine games against the Cardinals.

Todd Jones (8-2) allowed one run and three hits in 1 1/3 innings and Daany Graves pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 34th save.

Albert Pujols tied the score 4-4 in the top of the eighth against Jones with his 24th homer.

Pujols had an RBI single off Graves in the ninth.

Cincinnati starter Cory Lidle allowed three runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings, while the Cardinals' Jason Marquis gave up four runs and nine hits in five innings.

Seane's RBI single put Cincinnati ahead in the third, a liner that went off Pujols' glove at first. Larkin homered in the fifth and Dunn added a two-run drive later in the inning for a 4-0 lead.

St. Louis closed in the seventh on Mike Matheny's RBI single and pinch-hitter Ray Lankford's two-run double.

Cubs 5, Brewers 0: Greg Maddux pitched a six-hitter for his first complete game in exactly one year and his first shutout in precisely three years, earning his 297th victory for host Chicago.

Sammy Sosa hit his 556th career homer and Moises Alou also homered for the Cubs.



Cincinnati Reds third baseman Brandon Larson extends to catch a line drive off the bat of St. Louis Cardinals batter Albert Pujols during the fourth inning of Saturday's game in Cincinnati. The Reds beat the NL Central-leading Cardinals 7-5 for the second Reds' victory over St. Louis this year.

Maddux (8-7) got his 35th shutout, his first since a six-hitter against Tampa Bay on July 17, 2001. The 38-year-old right-hander pitched his 104th complete game, his first since an eight-inning effort against the New York Mets last July 17.

Maddux retired eight of his first nine batters and struck out the side in the eighth.

In Friday's NL games:

Padres 5, Astros 1: Jake Peavy pitched five innings, Mark Loretta had a three-run double as visiting San Diego ruined Phil Garner's debut as manager of the Astros. Garner took over during the All-Star break after Jimmy Williams was fired.

Houston, which has lost seven of nine, dropped to 44-45, under

500 for the first time since it was 1-2 on April 7.

Andy Pettitte (5-3), who left the New York Yankees to pitch for his hometown Astros, hasn't won in Houston since May 15. He allowed four runs and seven hits over five innings.

Expos 5, Braves 1: Jose Vidro homered, Nick Johnson added an RBI double in the eighth and visiting Montreal's bullpen pitched 4 1/3 shutout innings.

Joe Horgan (2-0) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the sixth after he relieved Claudio Vargas.

Paul Byrd (2-2) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

Pirates 6, Marlins 2: Kris Benson (7-7) limited visiting Florida to two runs in 8 1/3 innings, helping the Pirates win their eighth in a

row at home. Jose Mesa got two outs for his 23rd save.

Florida's A.J. Burnett (1-4) allowed five runs and nine hits in five innings.

Cardinals 7, Reds 5: Reggie Sanders hit a two-run single and pinch-hitter Markon Anderson a three-run homer in the eighth off Reds closer Danny Graves (1-4). It was Graves' eighth blown save in 41 opportunities.

Kiko Calero (1-0) pitched a perfect seventh for visiting St. Louis. Jason Irsinghausen worked the ninth for his 22nd save.

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 2: Alex Cora drove in two runs with squeeze bunts, helping visiting Los Angeles win for the 11th time in 12 games.

Kazuhisa Ishii (11-4) improved

to 7-1 against the Diamondbacks, including 4-0 this year, allowing two runs and four hits in six innings.

Arizona has lost five in a row, eight of nine and 21 of 25.

Brandon Webb (3-10) gave up five runs, seven hits and three walks in seven innings.

Rockies 7, Giants 1: Todd Greene hit two long homers and drove in four runs and Shawn Estes scattered seven hits over eight innings after a nearly 2 1/2-hour rain delay.

Greene had his third career multihomer game, Matt Holliday hit his 10th homer and Estes (9-4) won for the first time since June 23, giving the Rockies their ninth victory in 12 games.

Thome's 30th sparks Phils over Mets

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jim Thome hit his major league-leading 30th homer to break the game open in the ninth inning and Jimmy Rollins doubled in two runs in a three-run third to help the Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Mets 8-2 on Saturday.

Reliever Rheed Cormier pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth for the NL East-leading Phillies, who have won two in a row after losing the series opener. Thome hit his 29th Friday night as the Phillies beat the Mets 5-1.

The Mets fell three games back. Randy Wolf (4-5) allowed one run and six hits in 5 1/3 innings to win for just the second time in 10 starts.

Tom Glavine (7-8) allowed four runs — two earned — in 6 1/3 innings and has lost five straight starts for the first time in his career.

Trailing 4-1 in the sixth, New York blew a prime opportunity after it loaded the bases with one out against Wolf.

Cliff Floyd hit a one-out double and moved to third on Ty Wigington's single. Mike Cameron walked to load the bases, and Wolf went to a 2-0 count on Jason Phillips. Phillies manager Larry Bowa then replaced Wolf with Cormier, who got Phillips to ground into an inning-ending double play and went on to pitch 1 1/3 perfect innings.

Mike Piazza, booed earlier in the game as his batting slump reached 0-for-16, homered to center leading off the eighth inning to make it 4-2. It was Piazza's 17th homer, but his first in 74 at-bats since June 22.

Thome hit a three-run homer with one out in the ninth off a 1-2 pitch from Jose Parra to make it 7-2. The Phillies added another run when shortstop Kaz Matsui

couldn't handle Doug Glavine's grounder cleanly, allowing Mike Lieberthal to score.

Philadelphia took a 3-0 lead in the second. Thome hit a leadoff double and scored two outs later on Perez's single, avoiding catcher Phillips' swipe tag.

Glavine was intentionally walked, and Wolf reached on Ty Wigington's fielding error at third base to load the bases. Rollins followed with a liner to center that Cameron tried to make a shoestring catch on, but the ball tipped off his glove for a two-run double.

In the third, Thome hit a one-run single to left — with the Mets shifted defensively to the right side. One out later, Lieberthal lifted a high fly to left that Cliff Floyd, despite wearing sunglasses, appeared to lose in the bright sun. He tried to shade his eyes with his glove to no avail as the ball dropped for an RBI double.

Cameron had an RBI single in the fourth.



Philadelphia's Placido Polanco attempts to complete a double play against New York.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	56	32	.636	
Boston	49	39	.558	7 1/2
Tampa Bay	46	43	.483	13 1/2
Toronto	45	44	.506	14 1/2
Baltimore	38	49	.437	17 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	46	35	.568	
Minnesota	42	43	.493	1 1/2
Cleveland	43	46	.483	4 1/2
St. Louis	39	48	.448	7 1/2
Kansas City	33	55	.374	14 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	59	37	.575	
Seattle	49	39	.558	1 1/2
Anaheim	48	41	.539	3 1/2
San Diego	47	42	.524	3 1/2

Friday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore at Tampa Bay	4-3			
St. Louis at Kansas City	3-2			
Chicago at Cleveland	2-1			
Minnesota at Tampa Bay	1-0			
Toronto at Seattle	1-0			
San Diego at Anaheim	1-0			

Saturday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees (Liedt 7-5) at Detroit (Roberson 3-0)	1-0			
Baltimore (Borkowski 1-0) at Tampa (Baker 1-0)	1-0			
Cleveland (Eaton 2-0) at Seattle (Moyer 6-0)	1-0			
Toronto (Schilling 11-4) at Anaheim (Lacy 7-8)	1-0			
Los Angeles (White Sox (Loaiza 4-0) at Oakland (Mudrić 12-2)	1-0			
San Francisco (Silva 8-7) at Kansas City (Wood 1-2)	1-0			
Toronto (Battista 6-4) at Texas (Rogers 12-3)	1-0			

Sunday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota at Detroit	1-0			
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay	1-0			
San Diego at Kansas City	1-0			
Boston at Oakland	1-0			
Cleveland at Anaheim	1-0			
Toronto at Oakland	1-0			

Monday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota at Detroit	1-0			
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay	1-0			
San Diego at Kansas City	1-0			
Boston at Oakland	1-0			
Cleveland at Anaheim	1-0			
Toronto at Oakland	1-0			

Tuesday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota at Detroit	1-0			
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay	1-0			
San Diego at Kansas City	1-0			
Boston at Oakland	1-0			
Cleveland at Anaheim	1-0			
Toronto at Oakland	1-0			

Wednesday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota at Detroit	1-0			
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay	1-0			
San Diego at Kansas City	1-0			
Boston at Oakland	1-0			
Cleveland at Anaheim	1-0			
Toronto at Oakland	1-0			

Red Sox 4, Angels 2

Red Sox	W	L	Pct	GB
Damon	4-0	0	1.000	
Ortiz	3-0	0	1.000	
Belt	2-0	0	1.000	
Burke	1-0	0	1.000	
Johnson	0-0	0	1.000	
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Jones pulls out of 200 meters

Says she's fatigued, wants to focus on other events

BY ROB GLOSTER

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Exhausted Olympic champion Marion Jones pulled out of the 200 meters in the U.S. track and field trials Saturday to focus on the long jump and the 400 meters, and perhaps even a spot in the 100.

"It's extremely disappointing. I'm not going to candy coat anything," she said. "My reasoning for pulling out of the 200 today is simply because of fatigue. There's no other reason. After running my round yesterday, I was simply tired, exhausted."

"It happens. It hasn't happened in the past. I woke up this morning, I was tired," Jones said during a news conference about two hours after pulling out of the event. "I've always told myself that if I cannot give 100 percent out on the track then I won't go out there."

Jones' decision was not the result of an injury, a source close to Jones told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. She simply wants to concentrate on the other events, the source said.

Jones won an unprecedented five track and field medals in the 2000 Sydney Games. But she has had mostly disappointing performances this season, a year after giving birth, and she has been under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

She has repeatedly denied she

has ever used performance-enhancing substances.

"I think I underestimated childbirth. It was a challenge. I was able to get my weight down quite easily, I feel fit, I look fit," Jones said. "It really didn't happen out there this week. Sure, we can attribute it to childbirth, to distractions."

As of now, Jones will not be defending either of her Olympic sprint titles in the Athens Games. But there's still a chance she could make the 100 team, for which she failed to qualify during the Olympic trials.

A change in the 100 squad is possible because of a drug case involving Torri Edwards, who finished second in the trials. If she loses her arbitration hearing set for Monday and is banned for two years for using a stimulant, she would lose her place on the team.

That would move the fourth-place finisher in the trials, Gail Devers, onto the team. But Devers, who already has won two Olympic 100 titles, has always wanted to win a hurdles title and might skip the 100 to focus on the hurdles. That case, the fifth-place finisher Jones would make the team.

"If it happens that a lane opens up for whatever reason in Athens, you can be sure I will take advantage of it," she said. "I will prepare for the next few weeks just in case that happens so I'm not surprised by the time I get to Athens."

Jones won the long jump com-

petition in the Olympic trials. By making the U.S. team in that event, she automatically qualifies for all relays.

She predicted success in Athens and in the future. All along, she has said she plans to compete through the 2008 Beijing Games.

"You sometimes get slapped in the face with bad performances or a bad year. This just happened to be probably my worst, and it doesn't help that I'm on the top of my sport," she said. "I'm extremely optimistic that once this year is over and I end on a high note in Athens with gold medals that I can regroup over the rest of the summer and come back and get to where I was in the past, if not better."

"If anything, I think this down year will provide even more motivation to prove to myself and to prove to the world that I still have it, that I'm not that old shriveled-up mother."

On Friday, Shawn Crawford, Justin Gatlin and Tyson Gay ran three of the four fastest times in the world this year in the men's 200 heats; reigning world champion Tom Pappas led the decathlon after the first day; Laura Geaugherty won the shot put and Deena Kastor took the 10,000 in 31:09.65 — breaking the trials and U.S. championships records — but will run the marathon in Athens.

Crawford ran a world-best 19:88, while Gatlin ran 20:06 and Gay, the NCAA champion from Arkansas, had a personal-best 20:07.



Marion Jones withdrew from the 200 meters on Saturday, a day after she finished fifth in her heat with a time of 22.93 seconds.

Record 67 in NHL file for arbitration

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Joe Thornton of the Boston Bruins, Zdeno Chára of the Ottawa Senators and Scott Niedermayer of the New Jersey Devils are among the record 67 NHL players who have filed for salary arbitration.

Other restricted free agents who filed by Thursday's midnight deadline include Brendan Morrison and Dan Cloutier of the Vancouver Canucks, Bryan McCabe and Tomas Kaberle of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Chris Phillips of the Senators, Mikka Kiprusoff of the Calgary Flames, Eric Brewer of the Edmonton Oilers, Richard Zednik of the Montreal Canadiens and Alex Tanguay of the Colorado Avalanche.

Among the high-profile restricted free agents who opted not to file for arbitration are Calgary's Jarome Iginla and Chris Pronger of the St. Louis Blues.

"We made the decision not to arbitrate, which is the same decision we made two years ago and I found that quite productive the last time," said Iginla's agent Don Meehan.

Meehan will continue to focus on filing a long-term deal done with Flames GM Darryl Sutter.

Thornton is stalled in contract talks with the Bruins, having rejected their one-year, \$5.5-million qualifying offer.

Avs re-sign goaltender Aebischer

The Associated Press

DENVER — The Colorado Avalanche rewarded David Aebischer for a steady first season in a place of Patrick Roy, signing him to a one-year contract Friday.

Goaltending was one of the biggest concerns for Colorado headed into last season with Aebischer taking over for Roy after spending three years as his backup. But Aebischer showed a smooth transition, becoming the second Avalanche goalie to win 30 games (32) and posting a 2.09 goals-against average.

Thornton could be awarded around \$8 million for one year, given that he's had more points in the last three seasons than Todd Bertuzzi — whose new deal averages out to \$7.9 million a year — as well as Iginla, who made \$7.5 million last year.

The Bruins captain has averaged 80.5 points a season over the



Boston Bruins captain Joe Thornton, who filed for salary arbitration Thursday, rejected a one-year, \$5.5 million offer from the team.

last three years, including a career-high 101 in 2002-03.

Arbitration hearings are scheduled for Aug. 1-15 in Toronto, although many of the 67 players who filed will likely reach agreement with their teams before any hearing.

The arbitration process is clouded by the NHL's troubled labor negotiations. The league's collective bargaining agreement with the NHLPA expires Sept. 15.

The league is expected to lock out the players if a new contract is not reached in September.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman has urged "cost certainty" for the owners and is seeking some form of salary cap, which the union vehemently opposes.

Nuggets sign Camby

The Associated Press

DENVER — The Denver Nuggets signed center Marcus Camby to a multiyear deal on Friday, a day after finalizing a trade for All-Star power forward Kenyon Martin.

Camby was Denver's top offseason priority after he opted out of his contract at the end of last season. He agreed to terms two weeks ago, but the details weren't worked out until the Nuggets completed the sign-and-trade deal for Martin with New Jersey.

Terms of Camby's deal were not released.

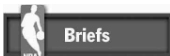
"Marcus has been a big part of our success here," Nuggets General Manager Kiki Vandeweghe said. "We are extremely excited he is going to be a big part of our future."

Plagued by injuries for most of his eight-year career, Camby had his best season last year.

Playing in a career-high 72 games, Camby averaged 8.6 points, 10.1 rebounds and was fifth in the league with 2.6 blocked shots to help the Nuggets reach the playoffs for the first time in nine years.

Warriors confirm Fisher deal

OAKLAND, Calif. — Point guard Derek Fisher finalized a six-year, \$37 million contract with the Golden State Warriors on Friday, leaving the Los Angeles Lakers for a team that hasn't made the playoffs in 10 years.



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The Associated Press and ESPN first reported the deal Thursday.

The Warriors used their mid-level salary-cap exemption on Fisher despite already having point guards Nick Van Exel and Speedy Claxton under contract.

Fisher averaged 7.4 points per game in his eight seasons with the Lakers. He won three championships with Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, but was relegated to the bench last season when the Lakers signed Gary Payton.

Fisher, 29, wanted more playing time next season, and it probably wasn't available in Los Angeles. A day after Payton exercised his \$5.4 million option for next season on June 22, Fisher opted out of the final two years of his deal with the Lakers.

Hornets sign Peterson to offer sheet

NEW ORLEANS — Restricted free agent forward Morris Peterson signed an offer sheet with the New Orleans Hornets on Friday, giving the Toronto Raptors 15 days to match it.

The Hornets did not release the amount of the offer, citing club policy. Peterson's agent, Rob Pelinka, said the deal was worth \$15 million over three years.

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Golf's heavyweights see a major opening



Second-round co-leader Thomas Levet battled changing conditions on Saturday to shoot 71 and stay in position to win his first major championship.

Four major champions in top eight at Troon

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — More fickle than the weather in the British Open was the leader board it left behind.

At the top was the ultimate journeyman, Todd Hamilton, who breezed through Royal Troon in every condition imaginable Saturday for a 4-under 67 and a one-shot lead. Chasing him was a collection of golf's biggest stars,

including Ernie Els, Masters champion Phil Mickelson, U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen and Tiger Woods.

"A lead doesn't mean a whole lot right now," Els said. "There's 18 holes to play, and anything can happen."

Just about everything did on a wild day of weather and momentum changes, from Mickelson coming within inches of going out of bounds to Colin Montgomerie falling backward out of a bunker

to keep his slim hopes alive.

Hamilton, who toiled for a dozen years in faraway lands to become a PGA Tour rookie at age 38, played as if he belonged with a bogey-free round and incredible poise to finish at 8-under 205.

When umbrellas replaced sunglasses for the final time, the British Open looked eerily familiar: Last year, at Royal St. George's, all the best players were poised to hold the claret jug and it went to an unknown rookie named Ben

Curtis.

"I don't see why it can't happen again," Hamilton said.

The only difference is that no one paid any attention to Curtis until he was holding the silver jug, courtesy of a chain-reaction of collapses behind him.

Hamilton will be under the spotlight from the start, holding a one-shot lead over Els. The Big Easy birdied three of the last six holes for a 68 and is playing in the final group of a major for the second straight time.

Ten players were within five shots of the lead, half of them major champions.

"There is pressure on everybody," said Woods, whose 68 left him four shots behind. "Everybody has to play well. You can't go out there and play poorly and win this championship."

The man to beat might be Mickelson.

No longer bedeviled by links golf, Lefty has gone 37 consecutive holes without a bogey and got two big breaks down the stretch for a 68 that put him at 6-under 207. Mickelson will play in the next-to-last group with Goosen, the South African who beat him last month at Shinnecock Hills. Goosen had a 68.

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Citing fatigue,
Jones pulls out
of 200 in the
U.S. Olympic trials

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Armstrong has
plenty to smile
about after
a momentous ride
in the Pyrenees

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Dunn's clutch
homer helps Reds
halt slide against
Cardinals

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British Open leader Todd Hamilton is a PGA Tour rookie who played the Asian Tour for five years. Read more about him on Page 26.



Leading scores after the third round of the 133rd British Open at Royal Troon:

Todd Hamilton 71-67-67-205 -8
Ernie Els 69-68-68-206 -7
Retief Goosen 69-70-68-207 -6
Thomas Levet 66-70-71-207 -6
Phil Mickelson 73-66-68-207 -6
Barry Lane 69-68-71-208 -5
Scott Verplank 69-70-70-209 -4
Tiger Woods 70-71-68-209 -4
Skip Kendall 69-66-75-210 -3
C. Montgomerie 69-69-72-210 -3
Mike Weir 71-68-71-210 -3

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Trying to win his first major since the 2002 U.S. Open, Tiger Woods made birdies on three of the first four holes and shot 68.

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